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Column One
By David Courtney

MR. Churchill and Mr. Schuman have discussed the Middle East in Paris, with the British Prime Minister offering support in the matter of Morocco, and the French Foreign Minister giving assurances about Egypt, and the two statesmen reaffirming their common lot and common interests in the Middle East generally. At the same time, the powers behind the proposal for a Middle East Command have told Russia that her warnings to the countries of the Middle East represent "interference in the affairs of those countries."

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THE Western notes to Moscow — uniform in argument, but differing in tone, and with the British much more polite than the Americans — disclaim the aggressive intentions charged against the plans for a Middle East Command, and assert that Russia is the one who is up to no good. Unfortunately, the ill-humoured diplomatic memoranda of post-war relationships add nothing to international amity and little to the clarification of world problems; and the exchange about SACME provides no exception. But one may guess that the Soviet notes have been something more than a characteristic gesture of annoyance and that the Western replies conceal genuine anxiety.

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THERE would seem to be little doubt of the Russian intention to take advantage of the disturbed state of relations between certain Middle Eastern countries and the Western powers. In Paris and Moscow, and in the Russian press, there have been signs of an active Soviet policy of friendliness, not merely to the people of the Middle East, but to their Governments. The reports of Soviet offers of arms and economic aid are almost certainly exaggerated, if not altogether untrue; but they indicate the way an increasing number of people in the Arab capitals are thinking, and the way some of them probably hope that Moscow is thinking. Such developments are part of a phase only. The Soviet knows as well as anyone else that whilst the Middle East oligarchies are ready enough to play the Eastern bloc against the Western, they will stop short and sharp once Communism threatens their power and fortune. But the present flirtatious phase has its profit, both to the Arab states and to Soviet policy.

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THERE is no evidence that the West has substantial plans of a political nature with which to meet the real danger in the Middle East. The notes to Moscow were merely a denial and a counter-charge, neither of which is likely to make much impression in the Arab capitals. The claim that Moscow is interfering in the affairs of the Middle East countries may, for example, surprise Cairo and Teheran where the present attitude, loudly proclaimed, is that Britain and America have been doing all the interfering. It is probable, of course, that there is too much interfering all round; and that, in any case, the real trouble is the interference that goes on mutually between the two big power blocs rather than between any one bloc and the states of the Middle East.

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THE region of which Israel is part is definitely in transition. The direction it is taking is not necessarily what either the Eastern or the Western bloc would prefer. But the side that first notes the transition and accurately foresees the course, will be the one to secure whatever loyalties the Middle East may have to give.

Tel Aviv, December 21

Sharp Erskine Order Issued

CAIRO, Thursday (Reuter).—General Sir George Erskine, Commander of British Forces in Egypt, today issued an order to his men to treat armed Egyptians in the Canal Zone as "hostile." Usually reliable sources believed this meant that Egyptians arrested by the troops in future when carrying arms or explosives would not be handed over to the Egyptian authorities, but would be dealt with by the British.

They said that General Erskine had issued the order today in view of the Egyptian government's declared intention to ease restrictions on the carrying of arms by civilians. Up to now, under a tacit agreement between General Erskine and the Egyptian Governor of the Canal Zone, Ghazaly Bey, any Egyptian civilian found armed by British troops has been detained and handed over to the Egyptian police authorities.

Undergraduates armed with sten guns, rifles and hand grenades fired shots in the air at a parade at Cairo's Fuad University today to mark their departure for the Suez area, where they will fight as guerrillas. They are the first batch to receive training under the Egyptian Government's scheme to control the "liberation" movement against the British.

Ambassador Confers

Amr Pasha, Egypt's ambassador recalled from London in protest against British "aggression" in the Suez Canal Zone, conferred for an hour today with Ibrahim Farag Pasha, acting Foreign Minister.

Then both men went to see Prime Minister Nahas Pasha. The envoy was understood to have reported on the Paris meeting between Foreign Minister Salah e-Din Pasha and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.

An explosion occurred as a British army goods train travelling south from Port Said passed over a stretch of line near Kantara yesterday, a British official spokesman said today.

There were no casualties. The train, though slightly damaged, went on after a short delay. A bomb thrown last night at a bridge near the Y.M.C.A. from a black saloon car caused no damage or casualty.

Airlift Planned For Prisoners in Korea

PANMUNJOM, Thursday (UP). — Orders were issued today for the mass airlift of American and probably all other non-Korean Allied prisoners of war to Japan if the armistice is concluded. The truce negotiations are deadlocked and hopes that the prisoners will be freed by Christmas becomes daily more remote.

Little progress was made today. Talks on the terms of enforcing the armistice agreement to prevent infringements remained static. The Allies refused to resume discussions on the exchange of prisoners until the "pitifully small" list furnished by the Communists is studied and analyzed. Peking Radio in retort said tonight the list of American prisoners in Communist hands utterly disproved American claims that thousands of prisoners were slaughtered.

The only progress was the transfer of negotiations on terms for enforcing the armistice to staff officers of both sides, who will report to the chief truce negotiators any progress they make. These talks started today and will be resumed tomorrow.

Major General William F. Dean, who had been believed dead but appeared on the Communist list of prisoners, hid out for 36 days behind the Communist lines before he was captured, Chinese sources reported today.

President's Health Improving

The improvement in the condition of President Weizmann continues and permits him to sit up in bed all day. The patient's appetite has also improved, an official bulletin from the President's office reported yesterday.

Mrs. Benjamin Weizmann, the President's daughter-in-law, left by K.L.M. yesterday.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Fire Brigade and police were standing by to evacuate residents of the Hatikva quarter in Tel Aviv late last night. It was feared that rapidly rising waters in Wadi Musrara would overflow into the area. In Jaffa during the day, the Fire Brigade evacuated persons from unsafe buildings.

The Executive Committee of the French Socialist Party announced yesterday that it had passed a resolution opposing for home rule in Tunisia and condemning the French Government's stand for co-sovereignty in the country as being "in flagrant contradiction with existing treaties."

U.N. Gets Proposal On S. Africa Indians

PARIS, Thursday (Reuter).—A five nation resolution on the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa was introduced in the U.N. Special Political Committee today. It recommended the appointment of a commission of three to assist the Governments of India, Pakistan and South Africa to carry through negotiations for a settlement of the problem.

Accordnig the resolution, one member would be nominated by South Africa, another by India and Pakistan, and the third would be nominated by the other two members.

It also called upon the Union of South Africa to suspend the implementation of enforcement of the provision of the Group Areas act pending the conclusion of the negotiations."

The U.N. Political Committee today continued discussion of Soviet charges that the U.S. was financing "Fifth Column" groups in Cominform countries under the American Mutual Security Act.

Mr. Stefan Wierbłowski of Poland called the Mutual Security Act "a document of criminal warmongering" which he said undermined treaties and the U.N. Charter.

Mr. De Pimentel Brandao, of Brazil, said the Soviet resolution was not serious though the wording of the American law could lend itself to distortion.

Greece Wins Seat On Security Council

PARIS, Thursday (AP). — Greece won a seat on the United Nations Security Council today, beating Byelorussia on the 19th ballot. The vote was 39 to 16. A two-thirds majority of members present and voting in the General Assembly was required for election.

The deadlock was the longest in the history of U.N. elections.

Mossadegh Backers Boycott Majlis

TEHERAN, Thursday (UP).—Some 35 pro-Mossadegh deputies boycotted the Majlis today to prevent a quorum and a scheduled blast against the Premier by opposition leader Jamal Imami.

Fifteen anti-Mossadegh deputies, now in the second week of their "sitdown" sanctuary in the Majlis building, had been scheduled to resume their bitter attack from the floor today.

The new Governor of Teheran today invited 108 persons from various cultural and financial groups to elect 36 councillors to start the elections, Ashtari, former Governor of Teheran, who resigned yesterday, charged that the procedure is illegal.

The opposition has meanwhile decided to campaign in the coming general elections despite its charge that the elections are not free. Imami has said, however, that he personally will boycott the elections as long as Dr. Mossadegh is Premier.

Sailors Admit Strike Over

HAIFA, Thursday. — In what amounted to an admission that they recognize their strike is over, leaders of the striking seamen today told the rank and file at a meeting here there was no longer any room for optimism, but that they should not apply for berths singly.

Captain Enrico Levi, Principal of the Nautical School, and Captain "Ike" Aharonovitch, formerly master of the s.s. Tel Aviv, were in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem today trying to bring the two sides together for an organized return of the seamen.

A speaker told the men that in their search for a way back to their ships during the last few days, many had forgotten why they had left them. "If we end the strike now individually, we are at the mercy of Shoham and the Labour Exchange, with no hope for better working conditions. If the Histadrut still insists on breaking the Seamen's Union, the few seamen it will take back into service will be embittered and indifferent to the welfare of the ship," he said.

Any steps the Secretariat would take would first be put before a general assembly of all the seamen for approval, the speaker promised. Thus far, 621 strike cards have been issued.

Avraham Caspari and Alexander Ewirn, of the Seaman's Secretariat, have denied being Communists as reported in an article in The Post on December 5.

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$10 m. LOAN FROM U.S. BANK

POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Thursday. — Mr. David Horowitz returned here from San Francisco en route home with another $10m. loan from the Bank of America, a large West Coast financial institution. The collateral is the Bond Drive commitments.

This brings to $37m. the bank loans made against Bond pledges, of which $20m. was secured from the Bank of America. The previous Bank of America loan which was negotiated last August was also for $10m.

It is understood that the new loan will be used chiefly to amortize the old loans on which large payments fall due in the coming months.

A spokesman for the Israel Treasury could not disclose the interest terms or tell when the new loan would fall due, but thought the terms were reasonable.

McDaniel Reports Progress on Grant

TEL AVIV, Thursday.—Over $10m. of grant-in-aid funds were allocated by the State Department to Israel on December 14, for payment for seeds, raw materials and food, including nearly 50,000 tons of wheat (costing over $5m.) 1,499,000 pounds of tinned beef, and 3,000 tons of sugar, Mr. Bruce McDaniel, U.S. grant administrator, told the press here today.

Mr. McDaniel cited this as proof that his work has already begun. "We have made a start, and the cooperation which I have already received from your Government leaders, both here and in Washington, leads me to believe that we shall continue to progress steadily and constructively," he said in a prepared statement. "Our general object is relatively simple — it is to help the people of Israel to help themselves."

The Israel Government, he said, has already put forward a series of proposals for the use of the funds and these must now be studied, to ascertain the amount of dollars and local pounds required. The Israel Government is to pay into a special fund "counterpart funds" equal to the U.S. grant, but the rate of exchange has not yet been fixed.

Exchange Rates

Giving an evasive answer to a question about "variable exchange rates," he said that Finance Minister E. Kaplan had mentioned something like that during a conversation, but the matter had not been followed up yet.

He pointed out that a sum of up to $50 m. had to be expended on the resettlement and relief of refugees in Israel. This was a wide term, involving all phases of life. There was no clear definition of "refugee," which was probably a good thing, but the Israel Government had said that a man was a "refugee" until he was in a position to make a definite contribution to the country's economic life. There were thus some 600,000 persons in this category here at present.

On the technical side of his mission, the grant-in-aid administrator said that he would have a staff of about 30, but he would request special experts from the U.S. to deal with specific projects, such as irrigation, fisheries, industries, communications and transport. He thought that about five per cent of the local counterpart funds would be put at the direct disposal of his mission for these purposes. His staff would arrive as soon as adequate housing was found for them.

Changes in Plan

The administrator's first job here would be to sign a general agreement with the Israel Government, specifying the types of projects to be considered and to establish the joint account. There would probably be changes in the plans, especially in view of the "critical and acute food situation," Mr. McDaniel said, and he wanted to get food in here as soon as possible. There was no deadline for plans, but the funds must be committed before June 30. "We are starting six months late, but I hope to make up for lost time," he said.

Mr. McDaniel, who is 57, is here with his wife. He was introduced to the press by U.S. Ambassador Monnett B. Davis.

Eban Returns For Fortnight's Visit

LYDDA AIRPORT, Thursday (ITIM).— Mr. A. Eban, Ambassador to Washington and permanent delegate to the U.N., and Mrs. Eban, arrived here today by El Al from New York. Mr. Eban will stay in Israel for about a fortnight, for consultations, before going to Paris to head the Israel delegation to the U.N. General Assembly.

During his stay here, Mr. Eban will tour the country and inspect new factories and installations put up by American investors. He will also have talks with Government leaders and Mr. Monnet B. Davis, and the U.S. Grant Administrator, Mr. Bruce McDaniel.

Libya to Become Independent On December 24

TRIPOLI, Thursday. — The independence of Libya is to be proclaimed on Christmas Eve. The final date, December 24, was announced today after being changed five times. Libya will be the first nation to achieve independence under the auspices of the United Nations.

The provisional Cabinet will fly to Benghazi to hand its resignation to King-designate Edris e-Senussi. The King will then read the independence proclamation and reappoint the Cabinet as free Libya's governing body. Elections to the first parliament are to be held on February 22.

Informed sources expect the pro-Egyptian National Congress Party to wage a bitter election campaign in an effort to wrest power from the present pro-British Cabinet.

Western Bases

Independence Day signature of treaties allowing the British, Americans and French to maintain troops in Libya are expected to be announced. The U.S. will keep the big Wheelus field air base. France will have landing fields and a company of infantry at the strategic Fezzan Oasis on the route to French Equatorial Africa.

Britain is to contribute about £2,500,000 a year to meet the new Government's deficit. France, former administrator of Fezzan Province, will give about £300,000 annually to cover the Fezzan deficit. The U.S. is said to be planning a gift of at least $1 m. (£357,000). Libya will be a member of the Sterling Bloc.

At the U.N. Political Committee in Paris today Egypt asked that Mr. Pelt be summoned to report on the "reign of terror" unleashed by the British-sponsored provisional government in Libya.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb of Britain denied "constant insinuations that Britain wanted to delay the independence of Libya." He said his country would soon submit a second report on Tripolitania and suggested that the discussion be postponed until then.

Meanwhile, Egypt is the first country to appoint an Ambassador to Libya, and began efforts to include her in the Arab League. King Farouk today appointed Salah e-Din Fadel as envoy to Senussi.

(AP, Reuter)

New Threat to Ma'barot After Week-Long Rain

Little Damage To Citrus Crop

Early estimates of storm damage to citrus fruit and trees were grossly exaggerated, the Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday. Other fruit orchards and grain crops appear to have been unharmed.

A Kol Yisrael report, which had indicated that the toll of fallen fruit was as high as 80 per cent, was discounted by the Ministry's recent survey. Only two-to-three per cent more fruit fell off the trees during the storm than normally, it was said. In some areas, however, violent whirling winds brought down more fruit. The trees themselves suffered virtually no damage.

No special damage has as yet been noted to grain production, the Ministry reveals. The heavy rains, coming after last year's drought, only served to replenish the soil's normal moisture supply.

Fallen citrus fruit cannot, however, be reckoned as a loss, inasmuch as it will be utilized in citrus products by three new factories which will start production on Sunday, the Ministry said. Actual picking of fruit will not be resumed until three days after the rains stop.

The rain also served to test anti-soil erosion efforts of the Ministry's Soil Conservation Department, which stood up well. The same is true of experimental dams constructed by the Department's Water Section. Of the two reservoirs in the Negev, with a respective capacity of 120,000 and 60,000 cubic metres, one is already completely filled. It has not yet been possible to reach the second for test purposes.

Children Out of Flooded Camps

TEL AVIV, Thursday.—The situation in the ma'barot has deteriorated in the past 24 hours, due to the continuous rain all over the country, a Jewish Agency spokesman said here tonight. Several camps situated near wadis were threatened with flood, it was reported.

Partial floods were reported from the ma'barot at Petah Tikva and Sakia, and Army units in the area were alerted. In Rishon le Zion ma'barot, a rush of water poured through the protecting ditch this morning, and some 80 families had to be evacuated, but the water subsided toward evening. These included families who had already been returned to their homes. Seventy of the families were housed in the Nesher beer factory, whose owners closed down temporarily for this purpose.

The extreme northern and southern parts of the country report no worsening of the situation, and Beersheba said that rain has benefited local agriculture. In the ma'barot there, 150 children were today transferred to wooden huts and a unit of 24 soldiers is giving a helping hand.

The entire staff of the Jewish Agency's Absorption Department has been mobilized for work in the ma'barot, the spokesman said.

The Jewish Agency Executive has decided that its Treasury will release all funds urgently needed to improve the situation in the rain-hit ma'barot, an Agency spokesman said in Jerusalem.

Floods at Rehovot

Large pools of water gathered in the Rehovot and Zarnuga "B" ma'barot today. At a special meeting attended by representatives of the Municipal Council and the Army, it was decided to evacuate all children between the ages of three and six, to public buildings in Rehovot and to other dry spots. The Municipality is providing supplies, and workers, the Army is giving transport and equipment, while women's organizations will look after the youngsters and feed and clothe them. Babies under two are being concentrated in wooden buildings within the ma'barot. Army engineers moved into the area today, but were unable to use their heavy equipment, because of the sodden ground.

Torrential rain poured down throughout the day in Tel Aviv - Jaffa flooding the roads. The town was deserted tonight, with most cafes and restaurants closed for lack of customers. Flooding was reported in the Sahne Darwish and Nuzha quarters of Jaffa late tonight.

Buses and taxis were in a premium in Tel Aviv today. One taxi rank in the centre of town reported 300 telephone calls for cabs within two hours this evening.

Lydda Cut Off

Due to the breakdown in communications with Lydda Airport, it was impossible to obtain the Government Meteorological Service's weather forecast.

Reports of the activities of the Child Feeding Department of the Welfare Ministry reflect the great difficulties faced by the "Three-Hot-Meals-A-Day programme. In most cases, the programme is being carried out with minimal equipment. In newer ma'barot even this is not available.

In the Sakia "B" ma'bara in the Judean Plain, for example, cooking facilities are not available. Three meals daily are cooked at Yehudia, and the Army carries the food to Sakia. At Sakia "A", 290 kindergarten children, in addition to the full complement of school-age youngsters, are gathered in one place where they are cared for throughout the day and fed. Some 20 infants from Hiriya were brought to the Sakia nursery.

The 490 huts at the Rishon ma'bara which were flooded during the recent storm, are to be moved to higher ground, the Jewish Agency has decided in a telegram to the Local Council, the Agency said that work, which will cost an estimated IL.30,000, is to start on Sunday.

Ma'bara residents are to be billeted tomorrow in about 120 flats of the Government housing project which have not yet been distributed to their new immigrant tenants since they require minor installations. The Ministry of Social Welfare has sent clothes for the ma'bara dwellers and Malben has promised to open a hospital for aged and infirm immigrants at Nahariya. About 60 persons in the ma'bara are in need of hospital care.

At the Rassco housing project thousands of pounds worth of damage have been caused by the rain. Vegetables planted by the residents, who came mainly from Shanghai, were completely destroyed. Each person has about 20 dunam of land on which he grows crops for market.

Jerusalem Pumps

In Jerusalem, the Fire Brigade was busy today pumping water out of flooded homes, especially in the Katamon and Musrara quarters. Itim says. At the Polish Consulate in Katamon, the Fire Brigade worked six hours pumping the water out of the ground floor apartment where furniture was badly damaged.

In the Shama'a and Musrara quarters, more houses were evacuated in fear of their collapse.

All youth movements have agreed to spend the Hanukka holiday working in ma'barot, following a call by the Youth Department of Keren Hayesod.

A group of carpenters from the Agency's carpentry shops in Pardes Hanna and Ein Shemer have started a mobile repair service, and are touring all ma'barot in their area.

The Jewish Agency's Absorption Department today received subsidies from the Tel Aviv Municipality.

The Mishan La'ole Company today extended credits to new immigrants who are temporarily out of work because of the weather conditions. Special emergency squads stood by all day today in the Petah Tikva area, when roads in the neighbourhood began to fill up rapidly. The fire brigade was called out several times to pump out flooded cellars in Petah Tikva.

Knesset: 65,000 Families Still Need Houses

By Moshe Brilliant, POST Parliamentary Correspondent

Knesset motions calling for a shake-up in the top level direction of immigrant absorption were defeated yesterday in the Knesset, following a debate on conditions in ma'barot resulting from the week-long storm. By 43 votes to four, the House took note of a statement by the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, who had been assigned by the Cabinet to coordinate Government activities in ma'barot.

The majority resolution also delegated the Parliamentary Labour and Public Services Committees to discuss all problems arising in the transitional work camps, and sent a message of encouragement to the ma'barot dwellers.

Proposals which were defeated included the General Zionist motion for the establishment of a special ministry to coordinate Government activities for the absorption of immigrants and a Herut proposal for the transfer of responsibility for absorption from the Jewish Agency to the Government.

Mapam submitted a resolution criticizing the tardiness of preparations against the storm and requesting the Knesset Finance Committee to appropriate Government funds for housing and services in *ma'barot*. The Communists were more specific, proposing the transfer of IL. 15m. from the appropriations for security and police for services in the *ma'barot*.

Mrs. Myerson, in her speech, said that 64,500 families were living in provisional dwellings, including 24,000 in canvas-walled huts, 13,500 in wooden huts, 10,500 in tents, 9,300 in tin huts and 7,200 in former Army barracks. On December 1, 1950, she said, there had been 28,500 families in provisional houses. During the outgoing year 60,000 persons had been housed.

Only 1,300 dwellings had been damaged seriously or flooded during the storm, Mrs. Myerson said, but she added quickly that the fact that the overwhelming majority of the dwellings stood up to the storm was no consolation to those who lost the roofs over their heads.

Advance Planning

Measures taken in anticipation of winter included the transfer of thousands of families from tents to more substantial structures, such as timber and canvas-walled huts, doubling tents, drainage and canalisation, laying roads to ma'barot, the establishment of special institutions in ma'barot for children under six, the removal of children over six under the "Korat Gaz" plan and the assurance of food supplies for ma'barot in danger of being cut off.

She disclosed that of the 20,000 profabs ordered in Sweden, Austria and France at the beginning of the year, only 7,000 had arrived. Mrs. Myerson described the measures taken by the Army, police and the Jewish Agency Absorption Department since the storm, such as the evacuation of victims to offices, synagogues, cultural centres and other solid buildings, the organization of centralized cooking, supplies and transportation and re-erecting buildings downed in the storm. The Minister also paid tribute to the self-control of the victims, saying there had been some panic in only three villages.

In the debate, considerable interest was aroused by the maiden speech of Mr. Avraham Berman (Mapam), himself a new immigrant from Poland. He spoke with passion about the immigrants who would "not tolerate living like pariahs." He said it was criminal to leave tens of thousands of people under such conditions in the winter and complained about the water in the ma'barot, the sanitary conditions, the inadequacy of schools and bread supplies and the unemployment.

Mr. Berman was sharply attacked later by Mr. Kalman Aranne (Mapai), who said that the Mapam representative had no more right than anyone else to speak for the suffering immigrants because he did not share their sufferings and was living as comfortably in the city as the old settlers. Mrs. Myerson also criticized him sharply, saying that the old settlers had nothing to be ashamed of. She said that the ma'barot dwellers had been encouraged to feel that enough was not being done for them.

Mr. S.B. Sasson (Sephardi) spoke as a representative of the Iraqi community, who form a considerable part of the ma'bara inhabitants. He asked what was being done by the Government to recover the property of Jews in Iraq, which was worth between IL.30 and IL.40m. He had seen men in ma'bara tents this week with deeds for valuable property in Iraq, he said. Mrs. Myerson said in reply that the Government would take these facts into account in the settlement with the Arab states.

Mr. Itzhak Raphael (Hapoel Hamizrahi), who is a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, said the situation was better than last year when 100,000 immigrants were crowded into camps and were fed from public funds. He also took the opportunity to dispute Mr. Ben Gurion's statement last week that the era of mass immigration or transfers of population was coming to an end. There are still 700,000 Jews in Arab countries and 300,000 in Eastern Europe waiting to migrate, he said.

Dr. Arieh Altman (Herut) also attacked the Government policy to regulate immigration and said that there was a greater danger—that of re-emigration. Mr. Idov Cohen (Progressive) asked the Government to investigate complaints that preparations for the winter had been tardy, that bad workmanship had gone into the provisional housing and that topographical planning of ma'barot had been unsatisfactory.

Mrs Myerson in her reply, pointed out that not only ma'barot, but also planned cities had been flooded in this week's rains.

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Social & Personal

The League for Friendship with the Soviet Union has sent a message of greeting to Stalin, on the occasion of his 72nd anniversary.

The new Rumanian Minister, M. Constantin Stanescu, will present his credentials to the Acting President, Mr. Y. Sprinzak, at the President's Office at Hakirya today.

U.S. Congressman Adam Clayton Powell and his pianist-wife, Miss Hazel Scott, left by K.L.M. yesterday.

Dr. S. Devons, Professor of Physics at the Imperial College, London, has arrived on a visit at the invitation of the Research Council of Israel.

Mr. Jensen Borchard, Managing Director, Atid Navigation Co. Ltd., has returned from a prolonged business trip to the U.S. and Europe.

Mr Avner Yisraeli has been appointed Acting Secretary General of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

On the occasion of the opening of the new factory of Jensen & Nielsen (M.E.) Ltd. in Acre, the workers, staff and agents have inscribed the Managing Director, Mr. W. Nehab, in the Jewish National Fund Golden Book.

Mr. Marc Lavry, the composer and head of the Music Department of the Voice of Zion, has moved to Jerusalem.

The Israel Chemical Association will begin a three-day convention at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem on Tuesday.

The Jerusalem branch of Hitachdut Olei America will hold a Hanukka party at the Touring Information Centre, 3 Rehov Ben Yehuda at 8.30 p.m. on December 30. Tickets must be obtained in advance.

The Jerusalem Branch of Hitachdut Olei Britannia will hold a Hanukka Dance at Cafe Arnon, 9 Rehov Shlomtsion Hamalka at 9 o'clock Sunday evening.

BIRTHS

LANDAU — To Evelyn (nee Cesti), wife of Mr Arion Landau, on December 19, 1951 — a daughter.

SUSMAN — To Ann, wife of David Susman, on December 18, in London — a daughter.

MARRIAGE

LOW - JURIS

The marriage took place on December 1 in Chicago, Illinois, of John Low (Yehuda Lev) to Elaine Juris.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Salomon Benedik will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on December 22, 1951. A reception will be held between 6 and 9 p.m. tomorrow at the Ramat Gan Fire Brigade Hall.

OBITUARY

Mrs LEAH TIRBON

The death took place yesterday of Mrs. Leah Tibbon (Betraubaum) nee Halperin, at the Ha'emana Hospital. The funeral will leave from the Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem at 11 o'clock this morning. Friends are requested to abstain from visits.

FRENCH BUY PAINTING

HAIFA, Thursday — The French Ministry of Education has acquired an oil painting of a Negro done by the Haifa painter, Mr. P.K. Hoenich, it is learned here. This is the first French Government purchase of an oil painting by an Israel artist.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

8-4 (Also tomorrow): Jerusalem Biblical Zoo; Romema. Bus 24. Feeding time: 2-3 p.m.

9-1 (tomorrow: 10-1): Exhibition of oil paintings by van Haardt, Paris. Exhibit of the Month: Jewish Bronze Lamp, 3rd cent. Rockefeller Museum.

9-1 (tomorrow 10-1): Archaeological Exhibition: Dept. of Antiquities; 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

10-5: (also tomorrow) Sanhedria Tombs.

10-1 (also tomorrow): Exhibition of Printed Graphic by Israel artists & Exhibition of Silk-screen prints by Joel Rehr at the Artists' House.

11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

10-1 (also tomorrow): Retrospective exhibition of selected paintings of Joseph Zaretzki; 41 oils and water colours; Tel Aviv Museum.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-6.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library—Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1, (tomorrow 11-1; 4-7): Exhibition of paintings by A. Mirsch. Museum, Town Hall.

TOMORROW

6.30 & 9 p.m.: "Hotel du Commerce": Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

7 & 9 p.m.: Pnina Salzman, Bergman, Hofmekler — Trios by Schubert & Ravel; Museum.

7 & 9.40 p.m.: George Val presents "Li-La-Lo News" by Lea Grunberg; Yasha Heifetz Hall.

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Conductor: G. SINGER
Tickets: Eailin, 67 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv; "Kinor," 9 Rousseau St., Jaffa, and at the Habimah Box Office, Haifa: Ginsburg, Jerusalem: Cahana.

FROM YESTERDAY'S PRESS:

'Haboker' Disputes Eshkol Knesset Statement on Agricultural Progress

Commenting on the Knesset speech by the Minister of Agriculture, "Haboker" (General Zionist) writes "On the Agrarian Revolution Which Did Not Take Place." We failed last year to reach the same level of production previously maintained by the Arab fellahin although both fields and equipment were at our disposal, the paper charges, adding that we had to buy potatoes and onions abroad for hard currency. The paper criticizes the system of unproductive public works used instead of the development of branches of our economy such as orange growing.

The change in policy represented by the transfer of a considerable part of the road-building labour force to agriculture should have come much earlier, says "Haboker," insisting that it would not have come at all had it not been for the constant pressure of the opposition.

Meat Distribution

"Davar" (Histadrut) comments on the Government decision to have Tnuva distribute meat in addition to the Association of Cattle Importers and Wholesalers of Cattle, thus breaking the latter's monopoly. This monopoly, the paper asserts, hampered Government efforts to prevent both the transfer of considerable quantities of meat to the black market and the slaughter of cattle needed for milk production. The Association proposed appointment of two main distributors instead of one to prevent this in future; but influential circles among the cattle importers, the paper says, wish to preserve the monopoly at any cost. Aided by many butchers and porgers, "Davar" charges, they now wish to sabotage distribution.

In Jerusalem and Haifa the supply to hospitals and other institutions has already been affected. If Municipal abattoirs continue to sabotage meat distribution, says "Davar," food supply authorities should send cattle to agricultural settlements for slaughter. There is no reason whatsoever for much of the frozen meat being distributed by the Cattle Importers, the paper says, as this makes the meat more expensive and increases the profits of a "small, monopolistic group."

"Black Spot"

"Hatsofe" (Mizrahi), while praising the "high level of constructive criticism" in the Knesset budget debate, notes Orthodox complaints of anti-religious discrimination in *ma'barot* and what is called "the black spot on our tourist trade": the existence of numerous non-kasher hotels.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) asserts that the principle of the "freezing point" has in fact been preserved in the income tax system albeit in a veiled form. Private arrangements for labour productivity premiums were welcome warmly in the Knesset; but, the paper says, this decision may be regretted because of the administrative difficulties involved. It is true, "Ha'aretz" notes, that a progressive tax system is a sine qua non for every progressive country, but from an economic point of view we are not a modern country, because we have put the nation's upbuilding and immigration absorption above all other considerations. It must therefore be regretted that no party has asked Mr Kaplan to change his fundamental attitude, considering the special conditions prevailing in Israel, the paper concludes.

Dr. S. Eisenstadt of the Hebrew University publishes an open letter in "Kol Ha'am (Communist) to an unknown friend in America who sent him a "Scrip" certificate. He said that the cause of peace would be more effectively helped by signing the Peace petition and that he should send him no more certificates. "Hador" (Mapai) replies that Dr. Eisenstadt's unknown friend was most probably a "fighter for peace" himself who also signed the manifesto and that he should either return the 'Scrip' or find some other realistic way out of his serious dilemma.

U.S. Gift of Wheat To Be Sent to Jordan

WASHINGTON, Thursday (Reuter). — The U.S. has agreed to send a $1,400,000 gift of wheat to Jordan to meet a serious shortage there, following crop failure.

The Jordan Government will sell the 9,650 tons of wheat to local merchants, and will use the money thus gained toward the expenses of an American mission, which is due to advise them on industry, agriculture and education.

The State Department said that the gift, which comes under the Foreign Aid Programme will be loaded for shipment about December 26.

USIS GIVES BOOKS

A quantity of English pocket-sized dictionaries and American history books in Hebrew have been received by Dr. M. Avidor, Inspector of Special Services of the Ministry of Education, from the U.S. Information Services, it has been reported in Jerusalem.

Several copies of each book are being distributed to secondary schools and teachers' seminars for use in the libraries and specialised courses.

SPREAD OF STEIMATZKY STRIKE TO J'LEM, T.A.

HAIFA, Thursday — The employees of the Steimatzky bookshops in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem will join the strike of their colleagues in Haifa, now in its third week, the Union of Clerical Workers announced here on Tuesday. It denied a statement of the employer that the strike was called after he had discharged them for lack of work.

"They struck because Mr. Steimatzky refused to sign a labour contract with them, refused them social benefits, and paid inadequate wages," the Union said.

At the Cinema

"THE Magnificent Yankee" (Eden, Jerusalem), based on Emmet Lavery's play, does full sentimental justice and honour to the home life of the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes and his wife, one of the truly great dissenting liberals, who contributed to the history of the U.S. Supreme Court. The inclusion of episodes from the domestic life of the beloved justice and Mrs. Holmes are moving and rewarding sidelights in the career of a magnificent Yankee, whose life in Washington started from Teddy, through to Franklin D. Roosevelt. His friendship with Justice Louis Brandeis, who was among his closest and most respected associates on the Bench, is most sympathetically portrayed.

Subtly directed by John Sturges, Louis Calhern — as in the stage production — gives an outstanding individual characterization in the title-role, and is sympathetically supported by Ann Harding. On his 80th birthday Justice Holmes, who had no children, receives the round dozen of his former secretaries' and addresses each of them as "son", and the emotional nuances he puts into this word, modulated for each of them, is reminiscent of "Good Eye, Mr. Chips". At the age of 92, he confesses that when seeing a beautiful girl, he desires "to be 83 again".

An unusual and delightful picture.

FRANGO

Religious Services

Shabbat begins in Jerusalem at 4.05 p.m. today and ends at 5.19 p.m. tomorrow.

Tosharus Synagogue: Tonight: 4.30 p.m.; tomorrow: Shahrit, 8 a.m.; Minha, 12.45 & 4 p.m. Arvit, 5.10 p.m. Sunday: Minha & Lighting of Hanukka candles, 4.30 p.m.

Emet V'Emuna (Gan Rehavia): Tonight: 4.30 p.m.; Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.15 a.m. Erev Hanukka 5.30 p.m.

Jerusalem Baptists Congregation: Opp. Gan Rehavia. Bible study: 10 a.m. Hebrew Service and Lecture, 3 p.m.

TEL AVIV

Beth Israel (96 Dizengoff Road): Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.15 a.m.

Ihud Shivrat Zion (67 Ben Yehuda St.): Tonight: Minha, 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 6.30 a.m. & 8.15 a.m.; Minha, 12.30 & 4.30 p.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (14 Balfour St.): Tonight: Minha, 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8 a.m., Minha, 4.30 p.m.

HAIFA

Beth Israel (Pevsner House): Tonight: Minha, 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Beth Israel (Mt. Carmel): Tonight: 4.40 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m. Arvit, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

JERUSALEM

English Mission Hospital Chapel — Anglican-Episcopalian (next to Hadassah A): Carol Service, 6.30 p.m. H.C. 7.30 p.m. Christmas Day: H.C. 8.45: Carols & address, 6.30; (Preacher: Canon R.A. Jones).

St. Andrew's (Scots Memorial Church): M.S. 10 a.m. (Rev. A. Scott-Morrison — and Rev. J. H. Grolle).

Zion Christian Mission (Prophets St., near Rav Kook St.): **Sunday, Combined Service at Y.M.C.A. 7.30 p.m. Rev. Wm. L. Hull.**

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

Catholic: 8 a.m. (German Hospice Chapel): Languages: German, Italian, English, French; 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel: Languages: English, French, German, Italian; St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne): Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese; 8 a.m. German Hospice Chapel; 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel): Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German, 9 a.m. St. Pierre de Sion, 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St., near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Midweek Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister: M. G. Grisbenow.

Bible Evangelistic Mission Assemblies of God, Mamillah Road, corner King George: Sunday: 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, 7.30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.; (Rev. J. Whitfield Foster).

Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship: Vesper Service 4.00 p.m. All welcome.

TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Anglican Church (Episcopal) (in former German Colony, off 19 Eilat St.): H.C. 7.30 a.m.; M.S. 10 a.m., E.S., 7 p.m. followed by H.C. **Christmas Eve:** United Carol Service **Christmas Day:** H.C., 7.30 a.m. M.S. 10 a.m. followed by H.C. Rev R.G. Allison, P.O.B. 2773.

St. Peter's Church (Presbyterian), Street 4: E.S. 7 p.m. Rev. W. R. Miller.

HAIFA

St. Luke's Church: Mountain Rd. near Vine St. (Anglican Protestant Episcopal): H.C. 7.30 a.m.; M.S. 10 a.m.; Children's Nativity Play 10.45 a.m.; E.S. 6.30 p.m. Rev. E.T. Allen (P.O.Box 1797).

Scandinavian Seamen's Church (41 Hospital St., P.O.B. 1205) Rev. Peter Faye Hansen: Lutheran Services in Scandinavian, German & English: **Christmas Eve:** 4 p.m. **Christmas Day:** 9 & 10.30 a.m.—7 p.m.; **St. Stephen's Day,** 7 p.m.

NAZARETH

Nazareth Baptist Church (near Mary's Well, Tiberias Rd.): M.S., 11 a.m.; E.S. 6.30 p.m. Thursday: Bible Study 6.30 p.m. D.L. Baker, P.O.B. 30.

TIBERIAS

Church of Scotland: Saturday: 3 p.m.; Sunday: M.S. 11 a.m. Rev. James Barr, B.D.

Christmas Eve: Carol Service, 7 p.m.; First Christmas Con., 11.45 p.m.; **Christmas Day:** H.C., 7.30 a.m.; M.S., 10 a.m.; H.C., 11 a.m.

Jerusalem Cinemas

Saturday at 6.15 & 8.15

ARNON: You Can't Take It With You. Today at 2.15: Pirates of Monterey.

EDEN: The Magnificent Yankee. Today at 2.30: Summer Stock.

EDISON: Hit Parade of 1951 — (6.15 only). Today at 2.15: The Avengers.

ORION: Fun and Fancy Free; also Savage Splendor. Today at 2.30: Night and the City.

SEMADAR: Yihyah El Houb (Arabic film), (5, 7 & 9 p.m.).

STUDIO: L'Elixir D'Amore. Also today at 2.15.

Y.M.C.A.: Big City, (5, 7 & 9 p.m.). Also today at 3.

ZION: On the Riviera. Today at 2.30: Call Me Mister.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: Yosef, Mahane Yehuda 2761, Rehavia, 22 Unsishkin, 4703. **Tomorrow:** Bruchstein, near Zion Cinema 3374. Zichron Moshe, near Edison, 4191.

Tel Aviv: Abramsky, 42 Allenby, 3526. Frenkel, 28 King George, 2721. Sneh, 33 Aliya 4993. Nordau, 183 Ben Yehuda, 68573. Hatikva: Hatikva Qr., 67494, Levi (Jaffa), 4 Rehov 2, 80104. **Tomorrow:** Brieman, 56 Allenby, 2352. Hygea, 23 Hagdud Haivri, 2366. Mosenson, 83 Ben Yehuda, 2481. Aham Haam 51 Ahad Haam, 3851. Hadassah Hatikva Qr., 67084. Nogа (Jaffa), 3 Rehov 298. **Ramat Gan:** Herzl, 54 Herzl. **Tomorrow:** Ramat Gan, 51 Bialik. **Givatayim:** Brizi, 7 Sirkin. **Tomorrow:** Noga, opposite Fire Brigade.

Haifa: Rambam, 29 Arlosoroff, 2974. New British, 47 Jaffa, 4725. **Tomorrow:** Nordau, 13 Nordau, 4099. Weisel Lebanoni, 31 Atamauf, 3586. **Mount Carmel Tomorrow:** Ahuza, 4 Rehov Horev, 2964. Kir-3586. **Mount Carmel. Tomorrow:** Shomron, 7202.

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Today's POST BAG

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Two children were injured in Moshav Yehudia near Petah Tikva yesterday when a hand grenade with which they were playing exploded. Yosef Tragen, 5, was taken to hospital severely injured. His brother, Shmuel, 10, was sent home after first-aid treatment.

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Eliezer Khadari, a Hatikva Quarter greengrocer, and Nissim Cohen, a truck driver of Rehov Wolffsohn, Tel Aviv, were sentenced to two months in prison and a fine of IL.100 each by the Tel Aviv Anti-Profiteering Tribunal yesterday. They will also have to produce bond to be of good behaviour for a year, for illegally transporting three head of cattle.

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A 13-year-old boy, accused of a number of thefts, and remanded yesterday for five days in Jerusalem, was not released because his father refused to furnish bail. The Magistrate asked the police to transfer the boy to the Mesilla home in the German Colony.

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Four wheels and their tyres were stolen from the car of Mr. Menahem Alchasaid, of 13 Rehov Hahashmonaim, in the Mekor Baruch quarter of Jerusalem on Wednesday night.

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The telephone number of the Central Clothing Warehouse of the Tel Aviv Social Welfare Department is 2857.

LUCKY FIFTEEN

BEERSHEBA, Thursday. — A group of 15 people swam to safety when a 15-ton truck carrying 15 tons of cement sank in Wadi Shalal on its way to Nirim near here today. No one was injured but the cement turned into solid rock. The lorry was driving through the wide wadi when it became submerged.

Ration News

JERUSALEM: — Tomatoes: 250 grams, Kaf 12, zone 8 distribution continues; new distribution starts in zones 3, 4, Yud 43, visitors 37, Eggplant: 250 grams, 709. 709 in zone 8. Butter: Tnuva, 100 grams, Aleph, 41 and expectant mothers, 37, Supplementary card. Potatoes: 1 kilo, zones 1, 2, 6, 11, Kaf 33, visitors 45. Fats: Oil, 500 grams, Kaf 42 and coupons 273 to 276, visitors 1, 3, 4, 5, 6. Ground rice: 250 grams, Aleph; no coupon. Live Fish: 150 grams, Mem 22, visitors 50, all zones. Bananas: 500 grams, Lamed 13, Aleph, Bet and Gimel, visitors 40; expectant mothers, 38; distribution in zones 4, 5 and 9.

TEL AVIV: — Tomatoes: 500 grams, Yud 43, visitors 49; zones 7 to 10.

The monthly milk ration for adults throughout the country will be increased from 1 to 2 litres as from Sunday.

Israel Experts May Go to South Asia

Several Israel technical experts are expected to be sent to "some South Asian countries" under the U.N. Technical Assistance Programme for underdeveloped nations, it was disclosed yesterday at a meeting of the Jerusalem Branch of the Society of Engineers and Architects.

The names of the experts and the countries to which they will be sent were not reported, since the negotiations have not yet been completed. A decision is expected in the near future.

The disclosure followed an address by Mr. Emanuel Herzog, an expert on water problems, who has been working for about two months with the Government Planning Commission. He discussed various aspects of the U.N. Programme, citing some of the projects undertaken in Bolivia, Pakistan and Afghanistan. He stated that the "main reason Israel has not received more aid under this programme is because it has not asked."

In reply, some members in Government posts asserted that after investigation, it had been found that Israel did not require many of the experts whose services were offered. Those who were needed were invited and have come, such as advisers on fiscal matters and water as well as a soil engineer. Most of the country's requests to the Technical Assistance Administration had been for scholarships to permit local technicians to take post-graduate courses abroad, it was said.

Precision Tool Body Being Set Up

An Instrument Development Institute to produce specialized equipment is being set up in the capital by the Research Council's Instrument Division in conjunction with other Jerusalem institutions, including the Hebrew University, Hadassah and the Jewish Agency's Jerusalem Development Department, it was learned yesterday.

The Institute will concentrate a team of specialists in instrument design and development able to perform two chief tasks: develop specialised equipment for research workers, and models which can be used by industry for mass production. The Institute may also function as a research association for precision engineering industries by using its scientific skill to solve problems common to these industries.

Hanukka Parades In Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Thursday.— Two children's Hanukka torch processions will start from the Habimah Hall here on Sunday evening and will wind their way through Shderot Rothschild and Rehov Dizengoff, heading north, the Tel Aviv Municipality announced here today.

Tel Avivians whose windows face the procession route, have been asked to tune in their radios to Kol Israel's special broadcast and to light their Hanukka candle at those windows.

Shop windows in Tel Aviv will be lighted on Sunday evening under special permission granted by the Palestine Electric Corporation.

Personal Notices

Barbara & Alfred SALZMANN **Laura & Eliel DROR-FRYMAN**
have much pleasure in announcing the
Marriage
of their children
DAVID ADINA
Wedding ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 25, 1951, at the Yeshurun Synagogue, Jerusalem, at 3.30 p.m.
Friends and relatives are cordially invited.

THE UNVEILING CEREMONY
of the tombstone of my dear sister, the late
PAULINE PIWKO
will take place on Sunday, December 23, at 2.30 p.m. at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery. Relatives, friends and acquaintances are invited to gather at my home: 7 Rehov Gordon, Tel Aviv.
DR. NORBERT PIWKO.

MOETZET HAPOALOT (Council of Women Workers and Women's League for Israel in New York)
Friends of the late
Dr. FANIA MELNICK
will honour her memory tomorrow night, Dec. 22, at 8.30 in all Batei-Halutsot in Israel:
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TEL AVIV ★ NATHANYA.
Visit to the Cemetery — Sunday, December 23, 11 a.m. in Haifa.

A memorial meeting on the occasion of the unveiling of the tombstone over the grave of our dearly beloved husband and father
MIRON GOLTZMAN
will be held at the new cemetery in Kiryat Shaul on Sunday, December 23, 1951, at 3 p.m.
Mrs. ELIZABETH GOLTZMAN, Tel Aviv, and daughter EVA RUBINRAUT, Paris

School Flooded, Toys Needed

TIRAT HACARMEL, North, Thursday. — The kindergarten for the 65 three to five year olds at the *ma'bara* here was flooded with a thick layer of mud, and nearly all the equipment and toys completely destroyed, in this week's storm. The teachers and workers are feverishly trying to clean the hut, but do not expect to put the kindergarten into operation for at least a week.

The tin huts at the Faradiya *ma'bara* on the Acre-Safad road were badly hit in the storm after having been blanketed in snow for a while causing discomfort to the adults and 230 children.

The teachers in both places have made an urgent appeal to the Haifa Bureau of *The Jerusalem Post*, for help in restocking the empty toy shelves.

Thus far, a total of IL.7,436.579 have been collected by the POST-Sa'ad Home Aid Society Drive to bring toys to these and other children in ma'barot. Have you done your part in this emergency?

Soldier Runs Amok

REHOVOT, Thursday. — A soldier who ran amok today, fired on traffic on Gedera-Rehovot road, killing one person and wounding five. He was overpowered by the police who used a smoke bomb to get him down from the water tower on which he had taken refuge in Kfar Bitzaron.

The soldier, Peter Stein, 21, deserted from an army camp at 10 o'clock last night, taking a rifle and 50 rounds of ammunition. He climbed to the top of the water tower in the village and remained there unnoticed until 11 o'clock this morning, when he began shooting across the highway.

Avraham Uzilevsky, a soldier, a resident of Bitzaron, who was travelling in an Army car, was killed; the driver of the car, Israel Scherf was wounded, and taken to the Tel Hashomer Hospital, and Rav Seren Aharon Talber, another passenger, was grazed by a passing bullet.

Two civilians, travelling in a jeep, were wounded and taken to the Sarafand Hospital, and Pola Berger, 16, also a resident of Bitzaron, was wounded while riding in a bus.

The body of the dead soldier was taken to the Sarafand Hospital.

"Kol Ha'am" Libel Suit Filed

TEL AVIV, Thursday (ITIM) — A suit against the Communist daily "Kol Ha'am" has been filed in the District Court here by the Attorney General, who charges that on July 7, the paper published "libellous news with intent to incite mutiny and with defaming the police."

According to the charge sheet, the paper reported that uniformed and plainclothes policemen had dispersed a Communist meeting in an Arab village by throwing stones at the speakers, and that this had been pre-arranged by the Minister of the Police, Mr. Behor Shitreet.

The defendants are the editors of "Kol Ha'am," Mr. Zvi Breitstein, Mrs. Esther Wilenska and Mr. S. Mikunis, and Dr. V. Erlich, the publisher, as well as the manager of the "Amal" printing press.

A IL.1,000 libel suit was settled for IL.400 in court today before Magistrate S. Tussia Cohen when Mr. Joseph Weinberg, mukhtar of the Bet Israel Quarter in Jerusalem, agreed to accept this sum in settlement of his two-year-old suit against the "Ma'ariv" evening newspaper.

Mr. Weinberg alleged that paper had published a libellous article.

Repair of Power Line Expected Today

A new break in the power line near Manahat (Malha) has forced the Jerusalem Electric and Public Service Corporation to institute new cuts in the supply of current to all parts of the city. It is believed that the line will be repaired by this afternoon, and that very few interruptions will be required over the week-end.

The Company also reported that the diesel engine which broke down last week, had been repaired. While the supply situation has thus been eased considerably, the Company stressed the need for the public to economise in its use of current.

The appeal to the public to reduce its use of electricity, scheduled to have been made yesterday by the committee now studying the power situation in the capital, will be made today. It was delayed for "technical reasons." An official order is expected to be issued at the beginning of next week limiting the hours for cooking and heating and the use of light for store displays and advertisements. Small workshops will be encouraged to work during night hours when general consumption decreases.

Charged with not registering for military service, Haya Weinshah, 19, of Rehov Hanatziv, was remanded by Jerusalem Magistrate A. Eden yesterday. She was released on IL.50 bail... The third of a group of suspect forgers, Shimon Cahana, 45, was remanded yesterday for seven days by Magistrate Eden. Police accused him of conspiracy, with a Jerusalem Municipality employee, to obtain money under false pretences.

Allocation of UJA Funds Revealed

Details on the allocation of the $151m., which the United Jewish Appeal's recent Atlantic City conference fixed as its 1952 goal, were revealed by a Jewish Agency spokesman in Jerusalem yesterday.

As last year, the $151m. will be divided as follows: the United Israel Appeal will receive 67 per cent and the Joint Distribution Committee 33 per cent of the first $55m., after deductions are made for expenses and $3m. is allotted to the United Service for New Americans. After the $55m. mark has been passed, the UIA will get 87.5 per cent and the Joint 12.5 per cent.

Mr. M. Kol, head of the Agency's Youth Aliya Department, is scheduled to leave next week for Europe from America in connection with the implementation of the Zionist Congress decision that the various women's Zionist Organizations will transfer 33 per cent of their income from fund drives to the Youth Aliya, the spokesman said.

Celler Conference

"I've never seen a country with such a bright future," U.S. Congressman Emanuel Celler told the Rotary Club in Tel Aviv at its weekly meeting yesterday. He said that upon his return to the U.S. he would tell his fellow Congressmen how new immigrants from the Yemen and other Eastern countries were working side by side with newcomers and veteran residents from Europe and all parts of the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Celler are leaving Israel today.

4 Marauders Sentenced By Military Courts

BEERSHEBA, Thursday. — A summary military court here sentenced Muhamad Abdel Alel Ghazali, of the Ghazali tribe, to two years in prison yesterday for cutting and stealing military telephone wires near here last August. The same court sentenced Ahmed Sueli Abu Eshiban, of the Elsania tribe, to 18 months in prison and fined him IL.80 for concealing 140 rifle bullets under his tent.

Two young Arab infiltrators, caught in a house in the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem in October, were sentenced this week by a Military Court sitting in Jerusalem.

One was given a year's imprisonment for carrying a loaded revolver and 10 additional rounds. The second received a six-month prison sentence for possessing a dagger. They were not defended by legal counsel and part of the evidence was given in chambers.

Police told the Court that upon searching the house they found a policeman suspected of being involved in smuggling, the two infiltrators, the woman to whom the house belonged and her brother. Small quantities of cocaine and hashish were reportedly found, as well as Israel and Jordan banknotes.

Both infiltrators, and their accomplices, will be tried on charges of illegal possession of drugs.

60 INFILTRATORS

Three infiltrators were killed, three wounded, and 54 captured during the past week, an Army spokesman announced yesterday.

Three Egyptian planes were over the Negev yesterday afternoon, an Army spokesman also stated.

OSSY RENARDY ILL

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Mr. Ossy Renardy, the guest violinist who arrived from Rome on Monday, had to cancel his first appearance at tonight's special subscription concert of the I.P.O., owing to ill health. Instead of the scheduled Brahms violin concerto, the orchestra played Schubert's Third Symphony, under the baton of Igor Markevitch.

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Montgomery May Be New Malaya Boss

LONDON, Thursday, (Reuter). Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein is likely to be appointed to lead the anti-terrorist forces in Malaya and to control the civil administration there, according to a front-page report in today's "Daily Mirror."

"This 'strong man' job is the outcome of the visit to Malaya of Mr. Oliver Lyttleton, the Colonial Secretary," the paper's political correspondent writes.

Montgomery

"I understand that the Colonial Secretary, in cables to the Cabinet, has criticised the present system of separate military and civil control. He said the system made it difficult to take really strong and concerted action against the Communist terrorists," the correspondent added.

The political correspondent of another paper, the "Daily Telegraph," expressed a similar view. Mr. Churchill would decide over Christmas on the appointment of a new High Commissioner for Malaya, with supreme authority over military and civil administration, the paper's correspondent declared.

It was believed that the post would be offered to Field Marshal Viscount Monigomery, who "is understood to be in general agreement with the six-point programme to deal with terrorism, which Mr. Lyttelton outlined in Singapore last week," the Daily Telegraph" report added.

100,000 Persons Sign For Popular Housing

About 35,000 applicants, who together with their families are 100,000 persons, — have registered for "Popular Housing," the Ministry of Labour said in Jerusalem yesterday.

About 3,600 applicants (12,000 persons) registered in Jerusalem; 6,400 (18,000 persons) in Greater Haifa; 18,200 (56,000) in Greater Tel Aviv; and 6,800 (14,000) in other cities and in settlements.

About one-sixth of all applicants have no room of their own or only one room; slightly less than one-sixth have two room apartments. Only one per cent of the applicants said they have three room flats. Their right to receive housing under the scheme will depend on the number of persons or families living in these flats.

About one-third of the applicants are war veterans. A sample analysis revealed that their situation is worse than that of civilians. Approximately 65 per cent of the war veterans have only part of a room, as compared to 49 per cent among those who did not serve in the Army. About 3,000 of the applicants declared that lack of suitable living is delaying their marriage.

About 51 per cent of the applicants are less than 30 years of age; one-third are between 31 and 40; and the remaining one-third are over 41 years of age.

Only nine per cent of the applicants are native born; seven per cent have been residents for from 16 to 25 years; 21 per cent for from six to 15 years; 21 per cent four to five years; 23 per cent two to three years, and 20 per cent about one year.

Britons Get Less Food Next Year

LONDON, Thursday (Reuter). — British housewives facing an austerity Christmas without the "seasonal bonus" rations of former years, took a fresh knock yesterday when the Government announced smaller and dearer allowances of basic food in the new year.

The weekly bacon ration is going down to 84 grams from December 30, and all grades of bacon will cost more.

The cheese ration stays at 40 grams a week and also goes up ten pence a pound.

Sweet ration will also be cut slightly.

Rapprochement Between Israel and Egypt Seen

NEW YORK, Thursday (INA). —The "N.Y. Times" reports from Paris that the Egyptian attitude toward Israel has noticeably eased in recent weeks, as Egyptian-British relations have become more strained.

Despite the change Egypt has not made a direct approach to Israel on the problems facing the two countries, including the Suez blockade, but Israel, sensing the new situation, has put out unsuccessful feelers toward Egypt, the "N.Y. Times" says.

The paper cites Egyptian agreement to police the Gaza strip in order to prevent infiltration as evidence of Cairo's relaxed attitude.

The story also reports that there is talk of continuing U.N. conciliation here in New York on a token basis, in case the Middle East situation changes.

Driver in Tragedy of 24 Boys to Stand Trial

CHATHAM, Thursday (AP).— John D. Samson, driver of a bus which ploughed through a file of marching boys here on December 4, killing 24, was charged today with dangerous driving. He was ordered to appear for a court hearing on January 7.

The Royal Marine Cadets, ranging in age from 10 to 13, were marching to a night boxing show when the bus hit them. Of 53 marchers only 10 escaped death or injury.

1st. Volume of Official War History Ready

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The first volume of the official publications on the War of Independence was presented to the press here today. It deals with the story of the "Golani" brigade which fought first in Galilee and then took part in the liberation of the Negev. The book, entitled "A Tree and a Sword" is published by "Ma'arachot," the Army publishing house and contains a foreword by the Chief of Staff. It was compiled by Binyamin Etzioni, formerly a Jewish Brigade officer.

A branch of the Medical Association, covering the whole Negev, was opened in Beersheba yesterday. The Branch's present membership is 20.

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'Times' Defends USSR Viewpoints

LONDON, Thursday (Reuter). — Today's "Times" states that Russia had not been unreasonable on some points of the disarmament negotiations and that she would eventually make new proposals to the U.N. Disarmament Commission.

The paper took a more pessimistic view, however, of the U.N. commission to investigate conditions in East and West Germany. If either the Western powers or Russia seriously thought that the German problem could be solved they would not leave it to the U.N., "The Times" said.

The disarmament commission was a different case, the paper stated. "This, as the Soviet Government admits, is a suitable subject for the United Nations."

The disarmament commission was bound to begin with a plan which the Soviet Government had already rejected, "The Times" said, "This hardly promises success. The Soviet Government has not shown itself unreasonable on some points and it is not entirely beyond the bounds of possibility that it may one day put forward new proposals to the disarmament commission."

"If, for instance, it is true, as Mr. Vyshinsky asserts, that the Soviet Union's armed strength is much less than the Western powers suppose, it would surely be in the interests of the Soviet Government to give facts and figures to support this," the paper maintained.

NO 'SECRET' TERMS FOR TURKEY IN NATO

ISTANBUL, Thursday (Reuter). — Turkish Foreign Minister Fuad Koprulu told the National Assembly last night that there were no "secret conditions" under which Turkey was admitted to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In a policy review he said that at the moment there was no defensive plan for the Middle East and "no final decision concerning this matter."

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Cables in Brief

AGREEMENT. — Holland and Yugoslavia have signed a trade agreement in Belgrade, to the value of 4,000,000 Dinars, for the exchange of Yugoslav raw materials for Dutch manufactured goods.

DAM.—The East German Premier, Herr Otto Grotewohl, on Wednesday inaugurated a giant water-power dam at Sosa, Saxony in the German Uranium mining district.

Striking Seamen Sail Home on Greek Liner

By Jesse Zel Lurie
POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Thursday. — Fifty-four Israel seamen embarked today for Piraeus on the Greek liner Nea Hellas. From Greece they will fly to Israel.

The Immigration Department will drop its charges of illegal entry, and their seamen's books will remain clean.

The Israel-America Line is hiring local replacements at the scale of $200 monthly plus overtime. Able seamen average almost $300 a month. The Company is also paying the Nea Hellas fares averaging $225 per person, so the cost in foreign currency will run into thousands of dollars.

CHRISTMAS ON PHONE

Los Angeles phoned Jerusalem last night. The director of one of the California city's radio stations spoke to Dr. A. Biran, the District Representative, and heard a first-hand report from him on Christmas preparations in the Holy City. (Christmas at Bethlehem. — Pg.4)

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REFUGEES DEPENDENT ON UNRWA RATIONS

Hungry Christmas in Bethlehem

POST Correspondent

BETHLEHEM. — "BEFORE the war", people say here, meaning the Arab-Jewish war, it was a pleasant walk on a frosty starlit night from Jerusalem to Bethlehem to attend Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at the historic Church of the Nativity.

From the Jaffa Gate of the old walled city of Jerusalem, the road ran for four miles through the newer suburbs of the City, then out along a ridge of the Judean hills, flanked at intervals by olive groves and orchards. In the broad valley below the rambling little hill town of Bethlehem, with its white stone houses and cobbled streets, fires would be twinkling through the darkness from the "Shepherds' Fields". As midnight approached a splendid chanting procession headed by a Latin Patriarch in glittering robes would pass through Bethlehem's crowded market square and enter the ancient church built on the legendary site of the manger in which Christ was born. Before the Patriarch would walk "kvasses", attendants in old Turkish costume, carrying long silver-headed staves which they banged at every stride on the paving stones to clear the way.

Alarming Detour

Now, no one goes out of the Old City through the Jaffa Gate. The great arched gateway built over 400 years ago by the Turkish Emperor, Suleiman the Magnificent, is closed, barred with barbed wire and guarded by an Arab Legion sentry. For it leads into the no-man's-land which divides the Old City from New Jerusalem.

To get to Bethlehem now you must make a detour of fifteen miles along a new road which winds across the bare hills and valleys of the Judean desert in a series of hairpin bends and alarmingly steep gradients. For the old Bethlehem road is cut by the armistice line between Jordan and Israel, and more than two miles of it runs through Israel territory.

Along this road processions will still go to Bethlehem this year to celebrate Christmas services with the traditional solemn pageantry. But the joyous nature of the Nativity festival, with its associations for the Christian world of home and hearth, will be tinged with sadness for many who attend it here. In Bethlehem and its surrounding districts there are nearly 40,000 Palestine Arab refugees, many of them Christians. Over 9,000 of them are in Bethlehem itself, almost doubling the town's former population, while 11,000 are still living in neighbouring camps run by the United Nations Relief and Works Administration.

No Work

On the bare hillside two miles south of Bethlehem, near which Mary and Joseph may have passed on the flight into Egypt, there lies the refugee camp of Dheisheh. Nearly 3,000 people have been living there for the past three years, some of them in tents and some in little rough huts of stone and mud which they have recently built for themselves among the grey ribs of rock.

The refugees are utterly destitute. A few find casual jobs, but for most there is no work in this country which is poor at the best of times. They keep alive somehow on the monthly food ration from UNRWA, which is a semi-starvation diet of 1,600 calories daily in summer, and 1,730 in winter, with the most minute amounts of fats and proteins.

The bed covering for a whole family in the cold winter of the Palestine hills is two small blankets. Rough one-room huts are the homes of the refugees who have been encouraged to build for themselves with UNRWA help in materials. The refugees were at first reluctant to build huts for fear that they would be regarded as an acceptance of permanent settlement and forfeiture of their claims for repatriation and compensation. But this fear is now being gradually overcome and an increasing number of huts is being built. They are warmer, more spacious and more weatherproof than tents.

Cast-off Clothes

UNRWA has provided some shoes and material for clothes, especially for schoolchildren, and voluntary organizations such as religious bodies are working hard to distribute cast-off clothing collected in America, Britain and other countries. But much more is needed if many small children are not to be miserably cold as well as hungry.

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JERUSALEM CHILDREN BRING TOYS

Children from the Bet Hakerem kindergarten are annual visitors to The POST's office in Jerusalem. Heavily laden with gifts their eyes still popped at the growing mountain of toys. Photo contributed by Braun.

THE WORKING WEEK

By S. Eliahu

Annual Storms Lash Immigrant Camps

PESSIMISTS discussed the idea of building an ark according to blueprints laid down by Noah thousands of years ago, when "all the fountains of the great deep (were) broken up and the windows of the heaven opened. And the rain was upon the earth... and the waters increased... and all the mountains were covered."

Less adventurous Israelis shivered all this week over their small oil stoves, as rain came with heavy gales for the seventh consecutive day, flooding immigrant camps, cutting communications and turning small wadis into angry rivers.

While the present winter is always the most stormy and troublesome, such weather actually hits us almost every year — even in times of drought. In December, 1945, *The Post* reported that "A railway engine and one coach were derailed and extensive damage caused to roads by the heaviest floods experienced since the foundation of the settlement (Naharlyah) ten years ago."

Prayers for Rain

In 1946, "gales blew off roofs, tore up trees and sent them flying, tossed unpicked citrus fruit off the trees," while Magen David Adom in Tel Aviv "treated 24 people who had slipped and suffered injuries, some while trying to jump across pools of water," and "telephone communications from Haifa to Tel Aviv, Jaffa and Jerusalem were greatly curtailed as only one or two lines were functioning."

In 1947 a disastrous drought threatened and in Gaza at the beginning of January the British "District Commissioner, Mr. I. L. Phillips, accompanied the Mayor to the Grand Mosque on Friday morning and joined in the special prayers for rain with thousands of people from all over the district."

On January 14 the rains came at last. And how! "In Tel Aviv the Fire Brigade was called to pump water out of cellars," while in Jerusalem "the electricity supply was seriously affected," and "communications to the south were cut by flooded roads."

In January 1948, "lightning struck the belfry of the Dormition Abbey on Mt. Zion and dislodged some stones," while *"The Palestine Post* was late in appearing this morning because of the flooding of its press."

In the first winter of Israel's independence, Haifa reported "In 11 accidents since last night due to the heavy rains, slippery roads, dark streets and reckless drivers, one man was killed, 11 seriously hurt and seven suffered minor injuries."

Unbelievable as it may seem to many Jerusalemites today, in January 1949 we reported that "Hakirya, the seat of the Government, is by far the wettest spot in Israel, according to official meteorological data, with 415.1 millimetres of rain up to January 1. The driest spot recorded is Jerusalem with only 131 millimetres so far."

In December, 1949, and January, 1950, rain made headlines again: "More Storms Today as Floods Interrupt Road Traffic; Phones," and "Second Jaffa House Collapses as Rains Continue for 6th Day." That winter first saw the inundated camps become a recurring problem of the young State.

Wrecked huts at the Tulpiot ma'abara in Jerusalem. Photo by Volke

As is well remembered, 1950/51 was the winter of the bad drought, so often mentioned as the reason for this summer's food shortage. But the drought did not prevent a few stormy days, during which "rain flooded shops and houses," swamped many *ma'barot*.

All this seems to indicate that floods reported in the Bible were not at all extraordinary, just the first authentic recording of what happens here every winter.

Knesset Flood

The Knesset was also flooded with a wearying 16-hour debate on the 1951/52 budget. The rains were effective refutations to opposition criticisms of extensive road building out of the Development Budget. The drowning of a settler in a flooded wadi showed clearly the vital necessity for real roads to every settlement. This year's storm showed also that not only tent-dwellers suffered from the water but also many who have moved to new permanent houses: roofs leaked, windows could not be tightly shut, electricity went on and off.

In Haifa there was also bad news from the waterfront, where 54 policemen were injured in clashes with seamen and demonstrators from Hashomer Hatzair kibbutzim. The riots began when police removed strikers preventing the unloading of the s.s. Tel Aviv. With tempers mounting there seemed less chance than ever that a peaceful agreement between the Seamen's Union and the Histadrut Executive would soon be reached. The Cabinet briefly discussed the Haifa riots and decided to hold later a special meeting devoted exclusively to that issue. To all intents and purposes, however, the costly strike was practically over. The entire merchant marine, except for the Tzfonit striking in Italy, was working again, manned by volunteers and foreign seamen.

There was also a sharp, if only verbal, clash in the Israel-Jordan MAC, when the Chairman of the Commission backed a Jordan proposal to re-draw the demarcation line in the troubled Kalkilya area. The Israel delegation claimed that such action can be taken only with the agreement of both parties and not following a majority vote and reminded the Chairman of his similar attitude during the Wadi Araba incident in November, 1950, when his decision was reversed by General Riley. When its protests went unheeded, the Israel delegation left the conference, causing another deadlock.

The Jordan delegate who pressed for the re-drawing of the line, which would transfer to Jordan some 100 dunams of Israel territory, was delegation leader Ahmed bey Toukan, once headmaster of an agricultural school in Tulkarm where he became a good friend of many Kalkilya land owners.

ALSO THIS WEEK, some top-ranking government officials living in Tel Aviv failed to show up at their Jerusalem desks because of the weather (later in the week some Hakirya offices were almost emptied as the officials volunteered *en masse* for relief work in the *ma'barot*), but Mr. Bruce McDaniel, Chief Administrator of the US grant-in-aid to Israel made his first trip to the Capital to visit Prime Minister Ben Gurion, Minister of Finance Eliezer Kaplan and Minister of Commerce and Industry Dov Joseph. With the courtesy call over it is expected that "Mr. Point Four" will start immediately to check and approve Israel's proposals for distribution of the $65 m. grant.

Readers' Letters

S.O.S. FROM MA'BARA

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Government has spent a considerable amount of money to erect *badonim* etc, for newcomers. They were erected by contractors who were obviously not responsible to competent authorities for the number of nails used to secure roofs and walls.

Within the past 24 hours, authorities lost a great deal of money in our *ma'bara* at Kfar Hassidim. Many of the bathrooms and latrines have been blown away, with all fittings. Tents were torn to pieces and the number of damaged *badonim* cannot yet be counted.

Last night no one slept for fear that their *badon* might be demolished any minute. The situation is becoming more serious every day and as yet there has been no sign of help.

We urgently request those responsible to investigate the damage and as far as possible to strengthen our *badonim* and make whatever repairs are required.

Yours etc.,
H. J. SMAOHA
and other members of the Vaad, Ma'bara "B"
Kfar Hassidim, December 16.

JUNIOR AID

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Mobilization of all available manpower is needed to cope with the increased hardships in the *ma'barot*. Appeals have been made to the public for volunteers to assist in the special children's homes. Most housewives will find it difficult to respond owing to their own difficult household problems, but there are a large number of young people—pupils in the sixth and seventh forms of secondary schools — who will undoubtedly be prepared to come to the rescue of our newcomers. Since schools will be closed for Hanukka from Sunday let us send out these young people now to assist wherever they can.

As authorization must come from the Department of Education, I suggest that the competent authorities permit the schools to release immediately those pupils who are willing and able to do their share for children's institutions.

Yours etc.,
ALISA LOEWENBERG
Tel Aviv, Dec. 19.

TRIBUTE TO S. FRIEDE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—On Sunday you published a news item about the sudden death of a fisherman, who was visiting Hakirya on business. I would like to add that the man was Shlomo Friede, a civil engineer and prior to his death a consulting engineer of the Israel Navy Harbour Department. He was a well known figure—a former chief engineer in charge of building the Tel Aviv Port and one of the first harbour engineers in this country. His death is deeply regretted by all his colleagues and friends.

Yours etc.,
Haifa, Dec. 18. *L.G.*

FORESIGHT.

— Riding in an overcrowded bus lately I was again shocked to find that none of the young "gentlemen" would get up for old people. I therefore asked an old man to take my seat and later a pregnant woman got up to offer her seat to an old lady. When the old lady protested, the young woman answered: "You know, I want to teach my child manners in time-!"

Jerusalem, **Lotta Sylmaer**

LIGHTS.

— At my first visit to the Edison "concerthall" I was surprised that the lights in the hall were on during the entire programme.

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Hadera	0810	1152	1710	1947	1210	1421	2014
Rosh Ha'ayin	0859	1252	1750	2038	1259	1514	2103
Tel Aviv, North arr.	—	1312	—	—	—	—	—
Lydda	0931	—	1831	2115	1331	1546	2135
Tel Aviv, Old Stat., arr.	0955	—	1855	2135	1355	1606	2155
Jerusalem, arr.	1126	—	2025	—	1525	—	—

From Jerusalem to Tel Aviv and Haifa

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Jerusalem	—	0745	—	1645	1145	—
Tel Aviv, Old Station	0620	0900	—	1800	1300	1830
Lydda	0653	0933	—	1833	1333	1900	
Tel Aviv, North	—	—	1421	—	—	—
Rosh Ha'ayin	0718	0956	1451	1856	1356	1923
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STALIN IS 72 TODAY

LONDON, Thursday (Reuter). — Marshall Joseph Stalin is 72 tomorrow. Moscow radio has made only a few references to the event but newspapers and radio stations in other East European countries have heralded it for many weeks.

GAZA STRIP SUGGESTED AS ALTERNATIVE BASE

WAY OUT OF UK-EGYPT DEADLOCK

A "Green Book" just published by Egypt on last summer's Anglo-Egyptian negotiations reveals that Nahas Pasha had asked why Britain wanted a base in the Canal Zone when Gaza was available. This idea has been taken up by the Conservative London weekly "The Observer" as briefly reported in The POST on December 18. The article is given here in full.

By ROBERT STEPHENS

AMMAN. —

THE current dispute with Egypt is the latest evidence of an unhappy conflict between Britain's military and political interests in the Middle East.

Given reasonable Egyptian cooperation, the Suez Canal Zone is indisputably the best place for a Middle Eastern military base. This is primarily not because of the Canal itself and the need to defend it, but because the Canal Zone has good ports, railways and labour supply, and the special advantage of a "back door" through the Red Sea.

There is no doubt that in the event of war the Western Powers would be obliged to use the Canal Zone with or without Egypt's consent. But to hold the Zone in peace-time against the will of Egypt means a serious diversion of resources, a loss of good will, and the creation of international political tensions. Under present Middle Eastern conditions there is danger that in trying to force nationalist-minded states to accept military terms of alliance most favourable to Britain, she may lose their co-operation altogether, and eventually drive them diplomatically or politically into the enemy camp.

Way Out

The alternative is to obtain some settlement with Egypt under which Britain would withdraw from the Canal Zone in such a way as to make a return there as easy as possible in the event of war. Such a settlement has, in fact, been the British aim in past negotiations with Egypt, and in spite of present bitterness a compromise might still be achieved if a solution could be found for the parallel problem of the Sudan. The precise nature of the compromise would depend, from the British point of view, on whether she is concerned only with short-term military considerations — the possibility of war within two or three years — or also with long-term plans for an alternative British base somewhere else.

In the first case, it might be possible to agree on a gradual withdrawal from the Canal Zone over a period of eighteen months to two years (the British proposal last April was five years and the Egyptian counter-proposal one year), which would cover the expected peak period of war danger. There would be an accompanying arrangement for Egyptian cooperation in a defence system under the Middle Eastern Command. British combatant troops would be withdrawn as soon as possible and maintenance technicians left as long as possible. The withdrawal might be in the first place to Cyprus, and later also to the Gaza Strip — the belt of coastal territory in southern Palestine now occupied by the Egyptian Army and by some 200,000 Arab refugees.

It is of secondary importance whether or not the place to which Britain withdraws would itself make a good long-term base. Primarily, it must be a good point of departure for a prompt return to the Canal Zone in the event of war.

A New Base.

If, however, another long-term British base is thought necessary, then a withdrawal from the Canal Zone, with all it eventually means in loss of money sunk in great installations, must be accompanied by the development of some area proof against political changes. The first requirement for such a base is that it should not be in the territory of any sovereign State, Israel included.

If Britain could acquire outright possession of some suitably situated piece of territory, even desert land or desert island, it would in the long run pay her to create the necessary facilities there and make it into a new Malta or Gibraltar.

As a site for such a long-term base, the Gaza Strip is one possibility. It has a port which could be developed, a large supply of labour from refugees on the spot, a section of the Palestine railway system, and some local food supply. Part of it has been used as a base area in the past and includes suitable ground for airfields. Fresh water might be a problem, but if necessary can be distilled from the sea. The Egyptians would probably not object to Britain transferring to the Gaza Strip; the idea has already been welcomed in the Cairo Press. The presence of British troops there would be a partial buffer between Egypt and Israel, and the Egyptian Army would be free to withdraw to its own territory without loss of face. Such a development might also not be unwelcome to Israel.

Another suggestion is that as part of the bargain with Egypt Britain should ask for the grant of a small piece of territory on the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula, with the advantage of the Red Sea "back-door."

But any defence settlement with Egypt is partly dependent on finding a solution for the Sudan. The Sudan dispute is one more of principle than of substance. The Egyptians themselves are now beginning to realize that the draft constitution which they offered the Sudan, reserving to Egypt the control of Sudanese defence, finance and foreign affairs, is quite unacceptable to the Sudanese, even to those who favour some kind of union with Egypt.

In last summer's Anglo-Egyptian talks, Egypt proposed that the Sudan should be given self-government under the Egyptian Crown within two years, after which all British officials and troops would be withdrawn. The British counter-proposal was for a speedy establishment of self-government, which would enable the Sudanese to choose their own future relationship with Egypt. The British Government has since announced that the Sudan will have self-government by the end of next year.

It is possible that a compromise might be reached on the following lines: Sudanese self-government would be established in one or two years, within a framework of unity which would bring Egypt and the Sudan jointly under the Crown of Egypt (this was the formula used in the 1946 Sidky-Bevin draft agreement). There would be safeguards for the Sudanese right of secession from the union, and the process would be supervised by a United Nations Commission on which Britain, Egypt and the Sudan would be represented, and to which British officials could be seconded, according to need, at the end of the two-year period. Such a policy would not be a betrayal of the Sudanese, but might satisfy Egypt's legal claims and overcome her suspicions.

No easy, dramatically successful solution of the problems in the Middle East can be expected. Patience and forbearance are essential if Britain is to find the right answer, but in view of the present situation in Egypt, the sooner she starts looking for it again, the better.

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NEW PERSPECTIVE: the Middle East seen from Europe.

REDISCOVERING ISRAEL (III)

By MONTY JACOBS

HUMAN SIDE TO BIG BUSINESS

SEPARATING the Argaman finishing and dyeing plant from the main Bnei Brak thoroughfare is a walled courtyard whose lawns, flowerbeds and trees offer a peace far removed from the bustle usually associated with big business.

That quiet is maintained naturally in the entrance hall of the 7,000 square metre building. To the left of the doorway and snug — almost hidden — in a corner is a simple memorial to five men of Argaman, including the 17-year-old son of the managing director, who died in the War of Independence. I caught my first glimpse of the monument, with its slim, perpetual flame, as I was already well up the stairs leading to the offices of the head of the firm, Mr. Avraham Klier.

Through that huge, spacious plant go 75 to 80 per cent of the country's woollen goods, about 70 per cent of all artificial silks, half of all cotton manufactures, and most of the locally made stockings. Argaman is a million-dollar proposition that handled, in the past year, IL.1,500,000 worth of woollens — the bulk of such exports — destined for foreign markets.

Grim Greeting

Mr. Klier, as I recalled meeting him shortly after the plant had opened on its present site in 1947, was an optimistic, far-sighted industrialist. Almost his first words on this, my second, visit told me his mood had changed.

"There is no pleasure from the factory. There is no satisfaction as in normal times."

Expanding this rather grim greeting, Mr. Klier, with tired patience, outlined the problems of supply, production, maintenance and staff that beset him from day to day. Israel's textiles, to compete abroad, he contended, could not be dearer than European products.

"But here, everything is high," he declared. "Transport, water — everything is expensive. For instance, there are no tyres for our trucks. I'm not prepared to buy on the black market, so our vehicles won't move." Costs were sent rocketing by simple little things like the replacement of broken windows. "A 40-piastre window costs IL.6. Prices are fantastic — but we still have to turn out goods to compete abroad and to sell at the controlled Lakoi prices."

The drying machine at the Argaman dyeing plant, where the material is dried to an even size.

Photo by Schlesinger

There were other major problems in the maintenance of a big, modern plant: staff problems.

"In the last eight months," Mr. Klier reported, "there has been an increase in the number of accidents at work — most of them in the early part of the day."

He attributed this, in part, to insufficient rest for the staff. Instead of coming to work relaxed, employees had to stand in queues for ice, groceries and buses before arriving at the plant. Perturbed by the fact that the company canteen had practically nothing to offer the staff, Mr. Klier, who admitted knowing little about gardening, has set aside two dunams of factory ground for vegetables.

Garden Plan

"I hope to get an allocation of 40 dunams from the local council," he said. "I'm going to employ three people to look after the gardens. To maintain morale, you've got to do things that others should be doing..."

Despite all the difficulties, the vast concern keeps driving ahead: "The place is never finished. It's a dynamic thing with constant development." To ensure progress on the most efficient lines, Mr. Klier brought in a team of South African experts and engineers who, after studying Argaman conditions for a year, made certain recommendations.

As a result, a system of premiums for superior quality work has been successfully introduced. But Mr. Klier has laid down three premises that must be met to ensure maximum efficiency — a worker must be physically fit, he must have a peaceful home life, and "he must not be hungry," the factory chief added emphatically.

Free Chocolate

The workers in another of the country's major concerns, the Ce De Chocolate factory, are not hungry — at least not for chocolate. The company's staff of 70 — it was 200 when materials were adequate—are allowed to eat as much as they like in their own sections; they may not wander into other departments to compare flavours or quality.

Until I talked to Mr. Sam Dwelaitzky, a member of the firm's board of directors, I was convinced that such a factory must have a major problem in controlling its staff's appetite for sweets.

Mr. Dwelaitzky laughed at my concern. "A new worker will eat himself full in the first week — then he's probably had enough for the rest of his life!"

Internal consumption is no problem. What does worry Mr. Dwelaitzky and his fellow-directors is the fact that the plant, turning out about two tons of candy a day, is working at one-fifteenth of its capacity, due to miniature allocations of raw materials. Half of that present production is devoted to Scrip and to the tourist trade.

With the factory merely ticking instead of humming, Mr. Dwelaitzky shrugged when I asked him about efficiency.

"I've no complaints. If there is plenty of work, then the staff do better and products are better, but with such low production possibilities how can I talk about efficiency?" Mr. Dwelaitzky said, adding that he knew his staff felt blue because they were not working at maximum pitch.

Eighteen months ago, when the supply situation was a bit better, the company had given some thought to efficiency. Down in the basement, Mr. David Horowitz, a staff member, showed me a room planned as a nerve centre. In it, a bank of dials and gauges, electrically linked to all sections of the plant, was designed to record activity and production in every department. The centre was there and the path of the various control circuits had been penciled on walls and ceiling, but the actual electric connections were missing.

"We can't finish it because we can't get the materials," Mr. Horowitz explained simply.

How Sweet

But, although the supply situation is bad, Ce De, like Argaman, keeps forging ahead.

"We're experimenting now with a new kind of chocolate, primarily designed for the American market," Mr. Dwelaitzky stated, adding forcefully: "If we could get licences for new machinery today, we would buy. We are not despairing."

Like Argaman with its vegetable gardening, Ce De provided an example of big business finding time to think of human problems. Mr. Dwelaitzky showed me a letter from a soldier, pleading for some good chocolate for his small son, stricken with polio. The official answer was "sorry.... regulations prevent us etc., etc." Unofficially, Mr. Dwelaitzky hunted around till he found a friend from abroad who willingly purchased a few bars of export chocolate for the soldier's son.

European Army Problems

By R. LOWENTHAL

STRASBOURG. —

THE unsolved problems of the European Army scheme, which by common consent will make or mar the future of European unity, were spread out before the European Assembly last week.

On the eve of the decisive negotiations between the six Continental Powers, participating in the scheme, four of the main negotiators, Italian Premier de Gasperi, Belgian Foreign Minister Van Zeeland, French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman and West German Chancellor, Dr. Adenauer, appeared before the Assembly, fully explaining their difficulties and differences, and appealed to the court of European opinion.

The great issue dividing the Ministers is whether the creation of a European Army will require a political authority entitled to make majority decisions, a common Parliament to which it will be responsible and a common budget — or whether it can be created while supreme control rests with a Council of Ministers, each responsible to his national parliament, taking decisions on major questions only unanimously.

The first view, which in fact amounts to the demand for immediate full-scale Continental federation, was advanced by de Gasperi on the grounds that to make people fight for a common European Fatherland, that Fatherland must be visible and embodied in common institutions responsible directly to all its citizens.

French Initiative

The opposite view, that of a common executive controlled in fact on inter-governmental lines, was defended by Van Zeeland with the plea that nothing more was necessary to make the common army work and nothing else could be achieved as quickly as that army was needed.

It was fitting that the task of fully exposing the difficulties of each solution was left to M. Robert Schuman. It was his Government which took the initiative for creating the European Army. It is he who has already been empowered by the Italian and German delegations, both of them more inclined to a federalist solution, to make a compromise with the anti-federalist Benelux delegates in their name as well. And it is he who is faced with the full dilemma that every concession he makes to the Benelux countries' demands for national autonomy may weaken the chance of getting the scheme through the French Parliament. In a sense, he was the tragic figure in the centre of last week's Strasbourg proceedings on whom the burden of responsibility for final success or failure rests most heavily.

M. Schuman showed in turn the arguments for and against each possible political framework for the European Army. Starting from the point that, in contrast to the wider NATO army, this army would owe allegiance to no national government but to the European Community, he emphasized the need for a clear decision on the supreme political authority that would give the orders to its commander-in-chief. If that authority, presiding over the use of the European troops, was a committee of Ministers tied to the unanimity rule, it might prove paralyzed in a crisis by the veto of one of its members.

Ministers' Responsibilities

If, on the other hand, the committee of Ministers voted by majority, that would be an undemocratic system in which a Minister responsible to his own national Parliament could be overruled on the most vital questions. Again, if to avoid this a European Parliament was created, the Ministers would turn out to have a dual responsibility — to the European Parliament on the one hand and to their national Parliament on the other. Finally, the solution adopted in the Schuman Plan for European coal and steel production, that of a supra-national authority consisting not of Ministers but of independent experts, was ruled out by the fact that the decisions about the use of the army were of a vital political character for which no Government could abdicate responsibility.

In the end M. Schuman appeared to be working back a full circle to the unanimity clause. It might work, he said, if the governments turned out to be sufficiently like-minded to reach in practice agreement without voting, as was the case in British Commonwealth conferences or frequently in their own national Cabinets. The impression given was that M. Schuman was preparing to yield if necessary on the unanimity rule to the demands of the Benelux countries. That impression was strengthened when Dr. Adenauer, in a speech which went into less detail about the European Army problem, first advocated the principle of a common Parliament and budget, but later said that the German Government would not be afraid to accept partial solutions, even if they seemed illogical, as the only way to advance.

Common Fund

The negotiations between the four Ministers and their Dutch and Luxembourg colleagues have started. They will be imbued with a strong, almost desperate, sense of urgency, and of the need to reach agreement.

The Federalists among the Ministers want the European Army to be financed by definite sources of revenue from all states, so that a common fund would be created on which the Committee of Ministers or the Common Parliament could draw without referring back to national Parliaments. But this cession of sources of revenue in advance, as distinct from the approval of definite sums by each national Parliament as occasion arises, is still opposed by the Benelux countries.

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Monday Dec. 24	B.O.A.C. S.A.S. L.A.I. AIR FRANCE	Teheran Rome, Zurich, Frankfurt, Berlin, Copenhagen, Stockholm Rome Paris, London, New York, Montreal
Tuesday Dec. 25	T.W.A. SABENA B.O.A.C. K.L.M. EL AL	Athens, Rome, Geneva, Paris, New York Athens, Brussels, New York Rome, London Amsterdam, Istanbul, Zurich
Wednesday Dec. 26	P.A.L. T.A.E. CYPRUS AIRWAYS	Karachi, Calcutta, Manila Nicosia, Athens, Nicosia, Athens, Rome, London
Thursday Dec. 27	S.A.S. T.W.A. K.L.M. AIR FRANCE EL AL	Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Tokyo Athens, Rome, Zurich, Paris, New York Rome, Munich, Amsterdam, New York Paris, London, New York Athens, Rome, Paris, London
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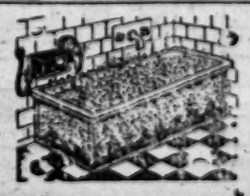

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From JESSE ZEL LURIE
December 14

FOR the last 13 years, five times a week, Monday to Friday, from 3.30 to 3.45 p.m., Joyce Jordan M.D. describes the adventures of a woman doctor for faithful radio listeners. I can't recollect ever having tuned in on this long-lived soap opera but last week I had lunch with the man who conceived and owns this show and I heard about another woman doctor in a radio drama. Her name was Naomi Yadin, M.D. played by Greer Garson, noted film star.

The radio producer is Himan (Haim) Brown. His parents came from the Ukraine with a name that was five syllables longer than the immigration inspector's patience, so he registered them as Brown. Hy Brown was brought up on the streets of Brownsville, which is to Brooklyn what Herzl street must be to Tel Aviv. He makes his living from soap operas and radio mysteries and gets his fun out of life by producing some of the best plays on the air with the greatest names in show business for the United Jewish Appeal, the Israel Bond Drive, the N.Y. Federation of Jewish Charities and the Israel Embassy.

Free Time

Federal regulations prevent Bond-sellers from going on the air over national networks, so Hy Brown has devoted most of his talent to 'schnorring' free time for the UJA. There are four national networks, each with hundreds of stations and millions of regular listeners. He has permitted each of them to give him one evening half hour for a dramatic show each spring and fall, so that he is able to produce eight U.J.A. shows a year.

For these shows he rounds up a roster of stars whose total salaries would almost balance Kaplan's deficit but they donate their services to the UJA. The last one this year was on November 18 and starred Greer Garson as a woman doctor in a *ma'bara*, with Joseph Cotten as the camp director. Expertly written by Millard Lampell, who did all the scripts this year, it avoided sentimentality and had what "Variety" calls a "socko impact."

Star Programmes

Other stars in the 1951 series were Jack Benny, John Hodiak and Mercedes McCambridge (who claimed as qualifications for the part: "I can pronounce kibbutz better than any other Irish woman in Hollywood") in a moving script based on Malben's blind village at Gedera; Frederic March as a veteran kibbutznick directing new immigrants; John Garfield as a Persian immigrant; Danny Kaye as a Rumanian and Edward G. Robinson as a Yemenite.

Hy Brown reports that these famous folk got a big kick out of playing simple people in Israel and they insist that he call on them again for his 1952 series. He sees in the Israel pioneer the 20th century counterpart of the early American pioneer of the frontier days and he is sure that this similarity is recognized by millions of radio listeners in the U.S. hinterland. He proved his point beyond doubt when he showed me the script for "Laughter in the Wind," produced last October with Ralph Bellamy and Sid Caesar and described as "a mural for radio, painted out of the yarns, the dry sayings, the bittersweet tales they tell of themselves today in the new state of Israel."

I thought that I had read every Israel joke worth repeating in the "Keeping Posted" column of this paper, but many of the script's best laughs were new to me. I asked him where Lampell picked them up. He laughed:

Frontier Jokes

"He dug up Carl Sandburg's anthology of early American frontier jokes. They fitted perfectly."

Here are some of Sid Caesar's lines and I leave it to you to guess which are derived from Sandburg and which from "Keeping Posted." I couldn't tell.

"I always say — marry an Israeli girl. No matter what happens, she's seen worse!"

"When we fled from Israel, God covered it with stones to confuse our enemies. All we have to do now is to remove the camouflage."

"We're a little short on poultry feed. We raise chickens but it takes two of them to throw a shadow."

And here is how the native American-Israeli wisecracks are worked into the script:

Bellamy: Eight years ago this was a haunted, desolate wasteland. Today it's alive with hope. Across Wadi Arabe, from the southern end of the Dead Sea to the northern tip of the Gulf of Akaba there is a new sound in the air—the rising of well-borers. . . At the foot of the derrick a grizzled old-timer looks up at the sky—

Caesar: Be nice if it rained. I don't mind for myself—I've seen it rain. But I'd like my kids to see it.

Bellamy: Laughter in the wind, and the echo of their magic in the Negev, in the lonely valleys like craters in the moon, you walk among the rusted relics of artillery, the burned-out trenches, where not four days before artillery defended their homes.

Caesar: Watch your step!

Bellamy: Mines planted here?

Caesar: No, trees.

Journey Into No-Man's-Land

By GIDEON WEIGERT

"AHLAN wa Sahlan" . . . you are welcome, Mohammed Kilani, 45-year-old head worker at the Latrun Trappist Monastery, welcomed us with a smile on the small terrace of the pumping house of Beer el Hilu — the sweet well. Situated half way on Latrun's eight kilometre long road which begins at Bab el Wad and ends at Kubab village, Beer el Hilu was once a landmark where Jerusalem-bound buses and taxis stopped on hot summer days for the sweet, cold well water. Kilani is known among his fellow workers as Abu Hussein from nearby Amwas village. He is the senior Arab worker at the Monastery of the "Silent Monks."

The Israel Army patrol, headed by a member of the M.A.C., finally arrived at Beer el Hilu. Proceedings began at Bab el Wad where the recently-laid telephone line connecting the Jordan and Israel area commanders ends. A telephone conversation between the officer in charge at Bab el Wad and his opposite number at the Latrun police station informed the Arab Legion forces at Khirbet Latrun that our patrol car was on its way to inspect the narrow no-man's-land strip. The sentry on guard at the abandoned road removed road blocks and barbed wire knife-rests and our car passed through. The road, once a fine asphalt stretch, was now little more than a narrow path covered with rocks, wild thistles, and grass.

Abandoned Village

To the right, we passed the abandoned Deir Ayoub village. Apart from a shepherd and an occasional donkey, there was no life around us.

The Latrun no-man's-land, one of the few not to be subsequently divided between Israel and the neighbouring Arab countries, includes an area of over 30,000 dunams of fine fertile land running 200 metres parallel to the road. Near the former Latrun-Gaza road junction, it widens into a triangle pointing to Jordan's Latrun, Israel's Kubab and Nahshon respectively. For the second season now, Israel and Jordan villagers are permitted to cultivate their land in this otherwise moribund area. Kibbutz Nahshon has been allowed to cultivate some 300 dunams for cereals, while the Trappist monks, aided by Jordan villagers, cultivate some 500 dunams of groves, vineyards, olives and vegetable gardens situated between Beer el Hilu and the Monastery.

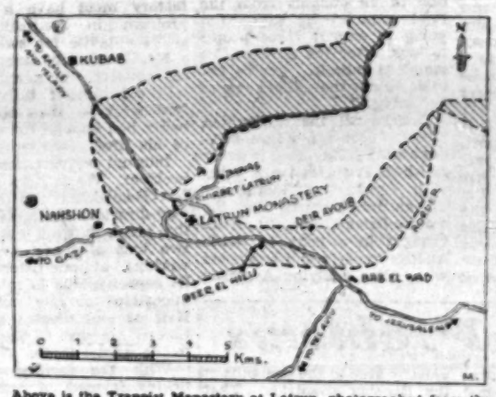
Originally the agreement was made for only a fortnight. It has since been extended. To ensure safety for the labourers, the MAC agreed upon installation of a direct telephone line between the two commanders. So far the record during last spring's harvest and the present autumn ploughing has proved that via mutual agreement even a no-man's-land can be cultivated without any incident.

Abu Hussein proudly showed us the Monastery's vegetables and vineyards, irrigated by the Beer el Hilu pump, which seems not to have suffered damage during the heavy battles this area witnessed three years ago. By now the Arab Legion patrol had arrived, headed by a Second Lieutenant and two Sergeants of the Legion Military police. Greetings and cigarettes were exchanged and we began to walk on the old Latrun road.

Barren Land

Each cultivated strip has a number which is carefully marked on the map and initialled by MAC members from both sides. The remaining area is barren, and neither side has legal access to this land, and the few Jordan shepherds who occasionally stray across are almost always fired on by patrols. We passed the olive grove in front of the Monastery, the Latrun police station, scene of the most severe fighting, was on our right, and to its left just near the road were the completely demolished remains of what once had been the Latrun pumping station. From far, we could see the two Jewish tractors peacefully ploughing the wet earth, while near us Jordan workers irrigated Monastery vegetables and tended orange groves. A crowd of Arab women and children chattered in the grove. They came from adjacent Jordan villages with permits to cross a narrow path through the no-man's-land to reach the Monastery's clinic for weekly medical care. In front of us was the place where, on September 23, 1948, during the second truce, the UN-supervised Latrun convoy was attacked.

We were seen back to our patrol car near Beer el Hilu. The Israel and Jordan officers were busy talking, more greetings were exchanged; we said goodbye to Abu Hussein and were on our way back on the overgrown road to Israel.



Above is the Trappist Monastery at Latrun, photographed from the former Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road. Shaded area on the map indicates the large tract of no-man's-land. Photo by Schlesinger

Kuwait Sheikh's New Riches

LONDON.

DETAILS of an oil deal that would put the equivalent of about $140,000,000 a year into the hands of one man were disclosed here recently by the Kuwait Oil Company.

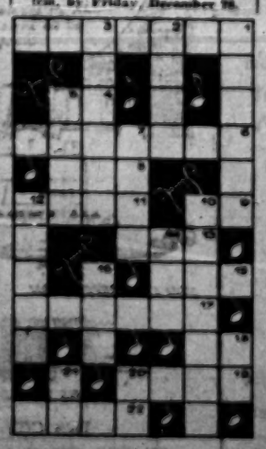
The company, an Anglo-American enterprise holding an oil concession in the tiny Persian Gulf principality of Kuwait, confirmed the news already published in New York that it had concluded a new agreement for an equal sharing of profits with the Sheikh of Kuwait, Abdullah de Salim de Sabah, whose territory has become Britain's chief source of oil in the Middle East since the Iranian industry closed down.

Under the agreement announced the joint owners of the Kuwait Oil Company — the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, former operator of the Iranian concession, and the Gulf Exploration Company, a subsidiary of the Gulf Oil Company of the United States — will submit to an income tax to be imposed by the Sheikh of Kuwait as from December 1 this year.

As a result of this arrangement, the Sheikh's oil income will rise from £10,000,000 a year to £50,000,000, it was estimated recently in a dispatch from Kuwait. Already one of the world's richest men, the Sheikh, who is absolute ruler of his primitive domain and personally receives all income from oil, will become even richer.

Musical Crossword

Kol Yisrael this week presented a musical crossword puzzle. The clues will be broadcast tomorrow, Saturday, December 22, at 10 a.m. Solutions in Hebrew should be sent to the "Musical Quiz," Kol Yisrael, Jerusalem, by Friday, December 28.



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TODAY

6.30 a.m. Services. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.30 Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.30 Music from the Movies (R). 10.45 Music (R). 11.00 Ballet Music (R). 11.45 Richard Crookes (R). 12.00 N. Programme for Hospitals. 12.30 Break for Music (R). 12.50 Agricultural News. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme. 1.45 Light Music (R). 3.15 Programme for Yemenites. 3.30 Kabbalat Shabbat. 4.00 Close Down.

4.30 p.m. Classical Request Programme. 6.15 "The Political Scene." 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Light Music (R). 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 9.45 "Gems from World Poetry" by Giulia Uriel. 9.00 Melodies (R). 9.45 Friday Night Concert: Quartet in C Major (Haydn); Quartet in E. Minor (Verdi); String Quartet No. 1 (Debussy). 11.05 Close Down.

TOMORROW

7.30 a.m. Service and Melodies (R). 8.40 Light Music (R). 9.00 Morning Concert: Concerto Grosso in D Major (Corelli); Sinfonia Concertante (Mozart); "Pahjola's Daughter" (Sibelius). 10.00 Musical Quiz. 10.30 Light Music (R). 11.00 Concert Hall: Israel Philharmonic Orchestra: Overture "Fingal's Cave" (Mendelssohn); Symphony No. 4 (Martinu). 11.45 Soldiers' Programme. 12.30 Request Programme. 1.00 Literary Corner. 1.45 Cantoral Recordings. 2.15 Close Down.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (230, 225 & 44.6 M.): 6.40 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.45 Bible Reading. 6.45 Friday Night Concert: Works by Mozart & Beethoven. 7.30 This Week's Events. 7.40 Interlude. 7.45 Legends. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 9.00 Opera. 10.00 Close Down. Tomorrow: 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.45 Variety. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Works by Handel. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 The Camp Dances. 10.00 Close Down.

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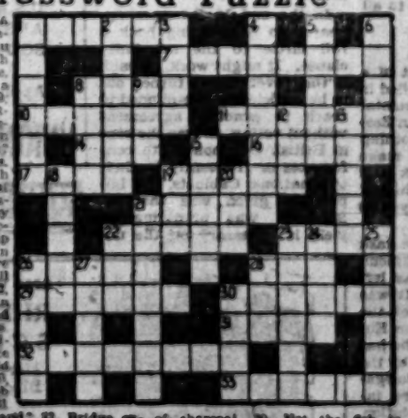
Crossword Puzzle



Across. — 1, A stick or a bundle. 7, You won't find such things outside. 8, Fit to be a seaman? 10, Badly cultivated? Not entirely. 11, Tracks in the corridors? 14, Came across. 16, Begins with nothing but writing instruments. 17, May contain a cuckoo. 19, Burn up quickly. 21, In which there are enemies all around. 22, Little more than a yard. 23, Kind of duck. 25, Piece of gun-fire. 28, Race card? 29, Wild and furious. 30, Perhaps a bomb fell here. 31, Care for the land? 32, Bridge expert possibly. 33, Asleep? Might be.

Down. — 1, Fix more than ten. 2, You can drink out. 3, Fixed diet perhaps. 4, Put back. 5, May be obtuse. 6, This mountain was filmed. 8, Many people are simply begging for them. 9, A bit of a simpleton. 12, It has long arms. 13, It may be ground. 15, The man in the booking office? 18, What the victim may do. 19, It's better to be it than have it. 20, Time for half the agenda. 21, May be heard in church. 23, Not full marks. 24, Hard to come by. 24, Feature of many home teams. 26, Anger greatly. 26, Invited. 27, Helped to pick up a little coal. 28, Piece of charcoal. 30, Not the fish to serve with you?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

Across. — 4, Stable. 7, Runner-up. 8, Opiate. 10, Items. 12, Read. 14, Taxi. 15, Rent. 16, Lap. 17, Loop. 19, Reel (real). 21, Marco Polo. 23, Sing(Sing). 24, Ring. 25, Vex. 27, Ante. 29, Avon. 31, One's. 33, Grebe. 34, Re-fuse. 35, Doughnut. 36, Beatty.

Down. — 1, Fruit. 2, Index. 3, Bo-S-N. 4, Spam. 5, Acrid. 6, Lethal. 9, Pylron. 11, Tap. 12, Rhine. 13, Reports. 15, Roc. 16, Lop. 18, Organ. 20, Elgar. 21, M-I-X. 22, Pin. 23, Severe. 23, Job. 26, Nearly. 30, Veins. 31, Nests. 32, Gaze.

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Henrietta Szold's Dream for Israel Children

By Julia A. Dushkin

HENRIETTA Szold died seven years ago in Jerusalem. Had she lived, this would have been her birthday. Her name is associated with Hadassah's health education and welfare programmes and with Youth Aliya. But her last contribution made when nearly 80 was perhaps the most cherished of her creations, which she named "Iemaan Hayeled Vehanoar." After her death it was renamed *Mosad Szold*.

Mosad Szold was established in 1941 with money Miss Szold received for her 75th birthday from the Vaad Leumi, Hadassah, Wizo, the Working Women's Council and a group of her personal friends. The income of the sum given her netted IL.850 yearly. This small personal fund she donated entirely for the use of a new instrument which she hoped would fulfil her cherished dream for improving the lot of Israel's children. She defined the functions of the *Mosad* as follows: to assist, promote and coordinate activities of child care agencies; to foster progressive education; to sponsor and publish social, educational and health surveys of children in Israel.

Mr. Hanech Rheinhold, Education Director of Youth Aliya, Dr. Miriam Freund, National Chairman of Vocational Education in U.S. Hadassah, Dr. Arnstein, Director of the Vocational Science Bureau of the Brandeis Vocational Centre, Akiba Yishai, Acting Director of the Youth Aliya Vocational Programme, at the recent Youth Aliya Conference in Haifa. At left is a portrait of Miss Szold.

Hadassah's Aid

This week marks the tenth year of the *Mosad's* existence. With the creation of the State its major effort has been directed towards coordinating and disseminating information on the country's welfare activities. Recently it published "Child Care in Israel", an invaluable source of information for social workers the world over. Six new publications and ten different research projects chiefly related to immigrant youth are part of this year's programme. Hadassah's considerable participation in *Mosad Szold* speaks for its desire to help establish the facts upon which Israel may base its child protection laws and youth welfare programmes.

During the last decade of her life, Henrietta Szold turned her attention increasingly to vocational education. She established a scholarship fund for Youth Aliya youngsters who showed talent in specialized fields and was responsible for Hadassah's opening of the Seligsberg Vocational High School in Jerusalem. Miss Szold would have been pleased with the new developments in vocational education reported at a recent Haifa conference.

Instructors and teachers from 22 settlements in Upper and Lower Galilee and the Valley of Jezreel, together with Dr. Miriam Freund, Hadassah's National Chairman of Vocational Education who has just visited Israel, and the staff and directors of Youth Aliya met to discuss the current vocational education experiment uniting theoretical instruction with practical experience in kibbutzim or moshavim. Over 200 carefully selected Youth Aliya boys and girls from different settlements were brought to Ben Shemen and the Ruppin Institute for 6-week courses in vegetable gardening, agro-mechanics, sewing and other occupations. The first participants in these courses have just returned to their respective settlements to apply their newly acquired knowledge and the conference was held to review the results.

Students Delighted

Leaders agreed that the consensus of student reaction was delight at their gains. The children returned home to report that knowledge of applied mathematics, physics, chemistry and the use of agricultural machinery were necessary for successful farming. The news spread, other boys and girls sought to enrol in similar courses. Even immigrant youth from economically and culturally depressed countries gained a new respect for agriculture based on professional learning.

Perhaps part of the problem of rooting new immigrants on the land will be solved when it is made clear that for the new Israel, "know-how," and even "book knowledge," are needed to make a go of the moshav, kibbutz or individual farm. Here lies the special significance of this new vocational approach which must give these inexperienced, often unlettered young people a sense of professional dignity. The cherished classic concept of "self-fulfilment" has too often been replaced by a pseudo-equivalent for the newcomer. He is considered "self-sustaining" when he works three or four days a week for a fixed number of hours per day.

The conference argued that the speedy development of our frontiers cannot be achieved by rationing pioneering. The Finance Minister's recent pronouncement on the nation's future labour policy seems to affirm this view, and it reflects an attempt to stimulate villagers towards greater personal effort.

In conferences like these the image of Henrietta Szold lives on. The week's calendar was appropriate — the 10th anniversary of *Mosad Szold*, the Conference of Youth Aliya in Haifa, and the ceremony of laying the cornerstone for the new Brandeis Vocational Center in Romema a few days ago. All these were vivid reminders of her work and devotion.

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Achievement at the Week-end

By Hadassah Bat Haim

I faced the week-end with one cupful of flour, four potatoes, and no oatmeal, breadcrumbs, noodles, or matza flour. In fact, the prospect of feeding a family of four and two guests for lunch on Shabbat was pretty grim. To cheer myself up I read about the proposed reduction of the British meat ration and consoled myself with "At least, OUR meat ration can't be reduced." On the same page was an advertisement advising shoppers to "Order Their Turkey!" early. "I don't care," I said to myself. "How could I cook a turkey in a Wonderpot anyhow?" Still, somehow or other we all got fed, and the sense of achievement post-lunch was very pleasant.

On Friday night, we started with Cauliflower Soup: *1 small cauliflower, 1 tablespoon flour, 1 small onion, fat, salt and pepper, 1 pint milk or milk and water.*

Grate the onion and fry till golden brown. Cook the cauliflower in boiling, salted water until soft, add milk to bring liquid up to one pint, or if you are using all milk, drain the cauliflower before adding milk. Add the flour to the browning onion, and stir till smooth. Add the cauliflower, stirring all the time. Add seasoning. When the soup begins to thicken, pour back into saucepan and keep hot.

After that, we had boiled carp with lots of carrots. I had originally intended to serve this cold when the soup jellied, but the weather suddenly tried to transform the Mediterranean into something resembling the grey Atlantic and cold food was not popular in my family this week.

For dessert we had oranges cut up, with mock cream. This recipe we got partly from veteran eaters of lebenia and partly from colleagues on "Keeping Posted." We are never too proud to take a hint. Drain four bottles of lebenia overnight. Beat up one egg until quite white and fluffy, add the lebenia and 1 tablespoonful of sugar and beat further. This makes excellent whipped cream and can be used to top coffee, too.

For Shabbat lunch, we began with vegetable soup, which contained part of every vegetable on sale. I always make soup in the pressure cooker, but the same results can be obtained in more time with an ordinary saucepan. After I had sieved the vegetables, I saved the residue to make my main dish.

Knishes

250 grams potatoes, 150 grams flour, 150 grams fat, 150 grams mushrooms, 150 grams onions. Cook the potatoes and, when cold, mash finely. Add flour and fat, and rub together till the mixture is like small breadcrumbs. A spoonful of water may be needed to bind the mixture which can then be rolled out like ordinary pastry. Cut into saucer-sized rounds. Fry the mushrooms cut into small pieces, with the onion, grated, until they are soft. Add enough water to prevent the mixture from sticking to the pan. Add the sieved vegetables. Place one spoonful of the mixture in the centre of each round, moisten the edges, fold over, press edges together and fry till brown on both sides. Rice fried with onion is also a suitable filling for these knishes. To accompany these, we had fried tomatoes and followed this with bread pudding. I don't think we did so badly.

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In reviewing this show, the hats by Paula Weiss-Ticho must be singled out for their charm, wearability and the excellent way in which they complemented the furs, frocks and coats. Using this year's popular fur felt, velvet, satin and velours, Mrs. Ticho has created lively versions of the poke bonnet, Juliet cap and beret. Feathers and veils still are the essential trimmings for all this year's hats.

Stefan Braun (Tel Aviv) has a decided way in styling furs. Whether it's a Persian lamb evening cape with hood, a nutria jacket with front turned up collar, a mink stole or full length broadtail or persian lamb, the workmanship and detailing takes them out of the ordinary.

For Local Needs

In presenting their collection of frocks and coats, Rovell of Jerusalem have styled for local needs and used locally made materials when available. Their combination jackets and dresses were good. One in cocoa brown and blue and another slim black dress that had a flared jacket lined in yellow with front reveres turned back to jacket hem and elbow sleeves with wide turned-back cuffs are valuable additions to a wardrobe. In their copper satin with black velvet backless dinner frock, their blue jersey with back detail so popular today and in the classic black dress suit, they have used judgment and understanding of present needs.

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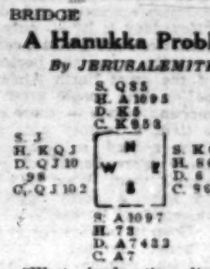
By JERUSALEMITE



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EARLY VICTORIAN ZIONIST

By SOLOMON LIPTZIN

The most important layers that made up the English legend of the Jew were the theological, the economic, the romantic, and the realistic. To these four, "Daniel Deronda" added a fifth layer, the heroic, and in the three quarters of a century since the appearance of the novel this layer has come to the fore.

The earliest layer, the theological, was the substratum upon which all other layers were deposited. Long before there were any Jews in England, the Angles and Saxons knew of the Biblical people as the people "chosen by God so that of its midst there should arise His only son." But the heathen convert to Christianity in Britain also heard that this people was not only chosen but also accursed, that it had killed Jesus and had therefore been condemned to wander eternally.

The second layer of the legend was added during the Norman and Angevin periods. It had its source in economics. It was based on the first contacts with Jews in the flesh. These were merchants and money-lenders, who were forced to engage in usury for the profit of the Crown. During the two centuries between the Battle of Hastings and the final expulsion in 1290, the legend of the Jew as usurer and capitalist, a legend based upon the Jew's historic function in medieval society, took strong hold of the English mind and could no longer be dislodged. It persisted in literature and folklore throughout the following four centuries. Chaucer, Marlowe and Shakespeare reflect the traditional legend, which they imbibed in childhood and which accompanied them through all their later years.

Exotic Figure

The third layer of the legend arose among the Puritan divines and became dominant during the Age of Romanticism. It was the legend of the angelic Jew, an exotic picturesque figure akin to the gypsy, a saintly sage about whom there was a gleam of past glory and whose daughter was beautiful, kind and suffering. Richard Cumberland, Walter Scott, Byron, Shelley, and others idealized this museum-specimen of ancient days but none of these writers was interested in the future of the Jews.

The fourth layer of the legend, the realistic layer, discovered the poor Jew, the old clothes peddler, the rag-picker, the slum-dweller. This Jew of Whitechapel, later metamorphosed into the radical, anarchist, or communist, was generally an Eastern Jew, rarely a German Jew, never a Sephardic Jew.

The thought-associations which came to the mind of English-speaking persons at the mention of the word Jew were, therefore, mutually contradictory and yet they existed side by side. The Jew was the chosen of God and the accursed of God. He was Christ-killer and angelic queer-duck, capitalist usurer and revolutionary radical.

The Englishman of George Eliot's generation, despite the cluttering of his mind by favourable and unfavourable preconceptions, could not easily become excited about Jews. He retained some admiration for the patriarchal past of the Biblical people. He regretted their alleged bad behaviour towards Jesus of Nazareth. He was, in the main, indifferent to the Jewish present. And he assumed that there was no Jewish future, since all Jews in the British Isles would in the course of time assimilate to the superior Anglo-Saxon type, especially if granted in full all the blessings of English civilization and if accepted on terms of equality by their betters.

Vigorous Protest

George Eliot, in "Daniel Deronda", voiced a vigorous protest against these complacent assumptions of her mid-Victorian countrymen. She dared to assert that, if Jews ultimately became indistinguishable from other Englishmen and disappeared, mankind would thereby be impoverished and not enriched. She ventured to proclaim that Israel, a skeleton of withered bones, pronounced dead beyond hope of resurrection, would soon arise from the dead, would put on new flesh, and would show increasing symptoms of renewed vitality.

George Eliot

Twenty years before Herzl, the English novelist sensed the coming of a new dawn that would follow the long night of Israel's exile. In "Daniel Deronda," she proclaimed her faith in the future of Jews as Jews, as a separate political entity, as a rejuvenated nation, as a historic fellowship returning from England and from all other lands of the Diaspora to its homeland Palestine. Five years before Pinsker's "Auto-emancipation," this non-Jewess preached self-emancipation for the Jews. "What is needed is the leaven — the seed of fire. The heritage of Israel is beating in the pulses of millions; it lives in their veins as a power without understanding. . . . Let the torch of visible community be lit! Let the reason of Israel disclose itself in a great outward deed, and let there be another great migration, another choosing of Israel to be a nationality whose members may still stretch to the ends of the earth, even as the sons of England and Germany, whom enterprise carries afar, but who still have a national hearth and a tribunal of national opinion."

Jews 'Shocked'

Sceptics among English Jews and non-Jews asserted that this dream was incapable of practical fulfilment, that it was founded on historic memories and vague longings far removed from contemporary realities. George Eliot replied by calling attention to the example of the United States, a new political grouping formed in modern times by individuals from many lands who were animated primarily by common memories and ideals. "How long is it? — only two centuries since a vessel carried over the ocean the beginning of the great North American nation. The people grew like meeting waters — there came a time, a century ago, when they needed a polity, and there were heroes of peace among them. What had they to form a polity with but memories of Europe?"

Upon its publication in 1876, "Daniel Deronda" shocked Jewish opinion in England because of its uncompromising advocacy of Jewish separatism. On the Continent the reaction was more favourable. But it was chiefly in Eastern Europe that her ideas fell on fruitful soil. They inspired Eliezer Ben Yehuda and David Frishman; they warmed the hearts of the pioneers of Bilu; they fired the imagination of the leaders of the Hovevei Zion movement. The wisdom and insight of the English novelist are today apparent to Jews the world over and tribute is being paid to this mid-Victorian seeress as a non-Jewish pioneer of Jewish rebirth. The new state recognized its debt to George Eliot by giving her name to a street in Tel Aviv.

THE LESSON FOR CHRISTMAS

Priests of the Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, which will be one of the centres of Christmas celebrations, are seen holding the gold-bound Gospels.

Photo by Schlesinger

Life and Letters

Ben Gurion's Life

The autobiography of David Ben Gurion is planned for early spring publication by the Philosophical Library in the U.S. The book will be titled "The Jewish Revolution: Memoirs, Talks and Notes."

Knesset Vignettes

"The Knesset Smiles" is the title of a new book by Mr. Asher Zidon, Assistant Secretary to the Knesset, to be published by Messrs. Ahiassaf of Jerusalem.

America and Britain

A fortnight before "Collier's" sensational "Preview of the War We Do Not Want," the Saturday Review of Literature of October 13 published a special issue under the general title "America and the partnership with Britain," with Henry Steele Commager, the noted American historian, as guest editor. One of the most interesting publications of the year, this number of the SRL contains articles by outstanding contributors on both sides of the Atlantic on the political, economic and cultural aspects of the "partnership."

Unauthorised Book

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — A Hebrew translation of judgments I gave in the Supreme Court in the Mandatory period has just reached me. This publication neither states the name of the editor, nor that of the translator or publisher.

In order to avoid misunderstandings, I should like to point out that this collection was published without my knowledge, and that I am in no way responsible for the publication or selection, translation or editing of the judgments in question.

Yours etc.,
GAD FRUMKIN

Jerusalem, December 13.

AFTER THE WAR

THE IMPOSSIBLE SHORE. By Robert Kee. Eyre & Spottiswoode. pp.251, 9/6d.

Mr. Robert Kee's first books of memoirs "A Crowd is not Company" dealt with his life as a prisoner-of-war in the hands of the Germans in Eastern Germany and Poland. It was a piece of exceptional reportage, calm, just and completely alive. "The Impossible Shore" carries the story on after the war when the prisoners know that the Russian army is to release them; the Germans have decamped and the men are free to roam about the area of their prison. They do not leave it because there is nowhere for them to go. At last the liberating Russians arrive and the first tank breaks down the barbed wire —but the Russians themselves are frozen-faced, with little response for the prisoners' wild enthusiasm.

Views on Germans

After the first day of liberation the camp organizes itself as a receiving station for the crowds of displaced persons that come to it. The author and another man, realizing that they might spend many months there before their return is arranged, decide to make a getaway and cross the Elbe into the American zone. They find this unexpectedly difficult because the war has not ended, and fighting is going on in a great circle round the camp area.

They make their home in a German house inhabited by an elderly man and his beautiful daughter. Both men fall in love with the daughter and they stay in the house until the war ends. The author, discovering that his friend is the one whom the girl wants, starts out for the Elbe alone. Finally, he returns home with the other prisoners with whom he shared quarters for three years.

"The Impossible Shore" does not seem as sharp or as deeply felt as the first book, no doubt because time has rather blunted the memories described, but it is still an excellent piece of reporting. It is interesting, from another point of view, because where the first book was exceptional in its dispassionate view of the Germans, this book shows a change that may be due to the fashionable anti-Russian attitude of today.

He never portrays his Russians with understanding — and, indeed, it is clear that he does not understand them; even their virtues—their moments of kindness, generosity or common decency. To this is added an almost sentimental attitude towards the defeated Germans and the most unpleasant of these are treated with sympathy. It would be interesting to know why this change has taken place. When dealing with the work of a young man as intelligent as Mr. Kee, one hesitates to ascribe it to prejudice.

OLIVIA MANNING

Yours Truly...Squiggle

By IVOR BROWN

One of the chief vexations of the days before Christmas is the receipt of handsome cards — and how expensive! — carrying the usual greetings of the season and signed Peter, Tony, Fat or Pam. You know so many of these and Pat may be of either sex. To whom must one hurriedly return a card or, if too late, a New Year salutation? Why cannot they be more explicit in their signatures, especially as so many millions of parents, a generation ago, were Peter- (or Pat-) minded?

Some of the signatures have also the vice of total illegibility. "All the best—Squiggle," is what one reads. The tiresome Squiggles, furthermore, have been at it all the year. They are the problem-children of every morning's post.

The most infuriating of these Squiggles is not the one afflicted with a wholly bad hand-writing; it is he who becomes illegible only when he reaches his signature and gives you a shapeless scrawl instead. The old illiterate made his mark: the new illiterate makes his mess. Sometimes he writes, learnedly, with all the clarity of a typewriter correctly handled: but when it comes to his name, there is only the pen-splutter of an impatient zany.

Sign of Education

Abominable writing is most common among the most highly educated. The reason, I surmise, is the ruin wrought in youth by the instruction to take full notes at lectures without any previous training in orthodox shorthand. The student makes his own abbreviations and thus confusedly scribbles down the gist of what he, often too hopefully, believes will be recognizable by himself later on. This habit, lasting over several formative years, wrecks what may have been a reasonably clear hand. He emerges from his labour triumphantly but illegibly, Squiggle, B.A.

Lecture-notes, I presume, have also caused the spidery or tipsy-looking chaos in which many doctors pass their Latin to the chemists. The latter know roughly what the doctor orders, having made up the concoctions a thousand times, and can make a harmless shot at Dr. Squiggle's routine cough-mixture. But it seems an odd way of serving the nation's health.

Tis kind of thorough-going cacography, though it has its perils, is less maddening than the conceit or coyness of him who can write a readable letter and denies you his name. A few specimens of the Squiggle tribe do help you out with capitals under the scrawl, and wise secretaries type their names under the signatures. But the number of self-concealers is very large.

Vocal Squiggles

First cousins to the Squiggles are the Mum-Mums. They introduce us, at their otherwise delightful parties, as Mr. or Mrs. Mum-Mum to a swarm of other Mum-Mums. So we are left to bluff through our conversation with a silly pretence of knowing whom we address. No doubt we ought to say firmly, "My name is Grampian Norval. Now, Miss Anon, what exactly is yours?" But we do not. Round and round go our kindly and genially muttering hosts and hostesses, making Mum-Mums of us all, a vocal replica of Squiggle's signature.

No doubt I have sometimes been a Squiggle myself. But I try not to be. My anger with the Squiggles should be mitigated by the courtesy with which many of these correspondents seek, in the legible portions of their letters, to correct me, inform me, tell me truth, or tell me off. They give me matter for reflection and even for composition. Do I not owe this article to them? But in future I shall not pore (nor pester my secretary with poring) over the squirming, secretive splotches which follow the "Yours truly." If answer is to be made I shall address it to A. Blank Squiggle, Esq. That, if he has an hotel or a college or community address, will cause trouble. But he has earned it. He has been warned.

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XMAS BOX

When it comes to admiring people, I bet I go farther than most men
In admiring postmen.
When Dr. Johnson met soldiers, he said he felt smaller;
Well, that's how I feel when I'm still in bed and along comes this matutinal caller:
When I see postmen, carrying sacks, their frames all bent
It makes me consider how my life is spent.
Postmen wear modest uniforms, with red piping.
Modest is their demeanour; you never hear postmen gripping.
Postmen don't strike, they're too busy helping the nation.
Postmen are Instruments of Communication;
Animals are good, but people are better
Because they can send their soul in a letter.
Oh Civilization, think what a debt thou owest
To postmen, getting up at four, when vitality is lowest,
Reporting at bleak, windy, banging, cheerless halls
Where vans come right inside, since there is a roof but no walls.
Postmen don't seem to mind cold and rain, they seem impervious
They are, the nicest people in the Civil Services.

PAUL JENNINGS

Atom Research Dates Bibles

Bible study has now been added to the growing list of peace-time uses for atomic energy. Nuclear scientists, using a Geiger counter, have established the approximate age of the famous Dead Sea scrolls thus verifying them as the oldest known Biblical manuscripts.

Willard F. Libby, a radio chemist at the University of Chicago, devised the technique for dating by radioactivity. The current issue of "Popular Science Monthly" tells how Libby obtained fragments of the linen wrappings in which the scrolls were stored, burned them to pure carbon, then measured the radioactivity of the carbon-14 in a special Geiger counter, arriving at the conclusion that the flax from which the linen was made was alive and breathing 1,917 years ago.

This would date the scrolls in the year 34 C.E., approximate date of the Crucifixion, but Libby notes that allowance must be made for a margin of error of a century or two either way.

"When the atom bomb first mushroomed its message of death and destruction into the sky six years ago," says "Popular Science," "there were many who speculated on the future uses of atomic energy. But few if any put Bible study on their list.

"It was strangely fitting that nuclear scientists, turning from war to peace time research, should undertake the task of determining the age of an ancient transcript of the Book of Isaiah, usually considered the greatest of the Old Testament prophets.

"For it was Isaiah who, 25 centuries ago, envisioned a time when the weapons of war would be reconverted forever into the tools of peace: 'They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.' And it was Isaiah who asked: 'Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?'"

(Popular Science)

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PROBLEM No.433

H.C. Mowry, Malden
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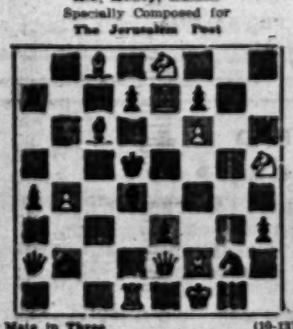

Mate in Three (10-13)

PROBLEM No.434

W. May, Manheim
Specially Composed for The Jerusalem Post

White: Ka8; Qf3; Ra6; Rb3 Bb2; Kt5; Pb4, b5, c6, g7. (10)
Black: K.6; Qe2; Rd2; Bb4; Kt4; Pd7, e5, f5, h3. (9)

Mate in Two

SOLUTIONS

Problem 433 (Mowry): 1.Re6 thr. 2.Qd6 3.Rb5; 1...g4 2.Qf4; 1...Bc7 2.Qb1+; 1...f:g 2.Rf7+; 1...Kg5 2.Qd8.

Problem 429 (Laibovici): 1.Qf4 thr. 2.Qf8x 1...e:d5 (el. K:e5) 2.Kte6 (Bf8, B44).

W, Kt1; Qe3; Rd1, Re7; Bc6, Bf7; Kte4, Kth6; Pb4, f6.
B, Kg5; Qe2; Ra7, Rh6; Bc6, Bd4; Kth3 Ktg2; Pa4, d7, e5, f7, h3.

GAME No.319

White: Alexander Black: Gligoric (London, 1951)

1.e4 c5 2.Kf3 Kc6 3.d4 c:d 4.K:d4 Kf6 5.Kc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0-0 0-0 9.Kth2 a5 10.a4 Qa6 11.Qe3 Qb4 12.f3 b6 13.b4 Q5 14.c:d K:c3 15.R:d5 h:g 16.R:g5 B:g5 17.h:g Rd8 18.Kte4 e5 19.Rd3 Rf7 20.Kf6+ g:f 21.g:f Qf4 22.Q:f4 e:f 23.B:f5 Rd8 24.Bb7+ Kf8 25.Be4 Ke8 26.Bb7+ Kf8 27.Be4 Ke8 28.Bb7+ Kf8 29.Kd7+ B:d7 30.Rf3 Re1+ 31.R:e1 Rd8 32.Re4 Kd8 33.Rd4+ Kte8 34.Re4 Kf8 35.R:f4 Kf7 36.g4 R:f6 37.R:f6 K:f6 38.Kd1 Ke6 39.Ke2 Kf7 40.Ke3 Kte6 41.Be3 Kf7 42.Kd4 resigns.

ENDGAME COMPETITION

Solution of endgame No.17 (Kivi: Kt6; Rh6 — Ka1; Pa4 a5. White to Win. 1.Rh2 a3 2.Ke5 a2 3.Kd4 Kb1 4.Ke3 a1Kt! 5.Rb2+ Kc1 6.Rc2 Kb1 7.K:e4 Kt:c2 8.Re6 Kb2 9.Re1+ Ka2 10.Re2+ Ka1 11.Ke3 Kb1 12.Ra2x. (For composition No.19 here is a very famous ending by Reti: White — Ke6, Be8: Black — Ka2; Pb4, h4.

Correct solutions to endgame No.17 were submitted by Messrs. R. Blumenfeld Tel Aviv, and D.R. Wertheim, Haifa.

AN INSTRUCTIVE ENDGAME

Black: Geller
Kt3; Re4; Pf4, g5, h4.
White: Fuller
Kd3; Re1; Pf4, g3, h4.

In this position (from the 17th USSR championship) Black forced a win by a most bizarre move: 1...Kg7!! (and not 1...Ke4? 2.h5! and now if 2...e3 3.h:g6 etc. and if 1...e:f+ 2.f3+ and white wins. Now, 1...Ke7? 2.K:e4 e5 3.Re5 e3 4.R:e3+ K any 5.Re5 etc.) 2.h5 e3 3.K:e4 e2 4.h:g6 h:g6. Technically speaking, the issue is won for black but the end is instructive and amusing. 5.Re1 e1Q 6.R:e1 Qe4 7.Re8 Kf6 8.Re6 Qd5+ 9.Ke3 Kf7! 10.Re8 Qf4 11.Ke2 Qe4 12.Ke3 Qf4 13.Ke2 Qe4 14.Ke7 Kf6 15.Re7 Qe5 16.Ke8 Qe4+ 17.Kd8 Qe7 18.Re8 Qe4 19.Ke8 Kf7, W. resigns.

NEWS

ENGLAND. — The Yugoslav team, on tour in Europe, visited England where they met the British team on a 10 board match in London. Yugoslavia won the first round by 7:3 and the second by 8½:4 thus scoring an impressive victory with the final result of 12½:7½. Here are the detailed results: Gligoric 1.1/2 — Klein 0,1/2; Matanovic 1/2, 0 Alexander 1/2, 1; Pirc 1/2, 1/2 — Golombek 1/2, 1/2; Trifunovic 1/2, 1 — Broadbent 1/2, 0; Pue 1, 1/2 — Milner Barry 0, 1/2; Rabar 1, 0 — Tylor 0, 1; Milic 1, 1/2 — Morry 0, 1/2; Nedeljkovic 0,1 — Aitken 1, 0 ; Ivkov 1/2, 1/2 — Barden 1/2, 1/2; Puderer 1, 1 — Penrose 0, 0.

The British championship was held in Swansea under the Swiss system. First place went to E. Klein with 8½ points, followed by Broadbent & Golombek and Morry 7, Barden, Thomas, Milner-Barry and Tylor 6½ etc.

England defeated Scotland in an 8 board match by 6:2.

FRANCE. — The national championship held in Vichy was won by Raizman (for the 6th time) with 6½ points, Daniel was second with 6, while Chaude de Silans (woman champion) shared 3-6 place with Lamorat, Pinson and Theilleman.

BELGIUM. — O'Kelly scored an easy victory in the national championship held in Verviers with 6½ points ahead of Dunkelblum 7, Thibaut 5½ etc.

The match with the Yugoslav team proved a disaster for the Belgians: All they could score in the 10 board match were 2½ points, out of five draws, losing all the rest (17½).

SPAIN.—Three international tourneys were held recently in different towns. In Burgos O'Kelly was first with 11½ points (out of 13), followed by Rubera 10½, Pomar and Rossolimo 9½, Sanz 9½, Medina 7 etc. In Corona, first place went to Rossolimo with 6½ points followed by Pilnik 6½ Carro 6 etc. In Bilbao Rossolimo had an outstanding result scoring 9 points out of 9 games! Pilnik was second again with 7.

Characters and Crooks

THE PRODIGAL HEART. By Susan Ertz. Fodder & Stoughton, London. pp.287. 10/6.
OPENING NIGHT. By Ngaio Marsh. Collins, London. pp.256.
THE SLEEPING BACCHUS. By H. St. George Saunders. Joseph, London. pp.256. 9/6.

This is one of Miss Ertz' successful studies of frustrated women, competently, even beautifully written, convincing, well balanced. If one sighs on laying it down, it is merely because, grotesque though it seems, this sad post-war world of upperclass London is so very far from what really grips you today. It is certainly not escapist, but it does not absorb you enough, it is not unique enough, to have been written at all by such an excellent writer.

The story is of two rich old women who bolster up their lost self-esteem with social work. Their new secretary unwittingly rouses their jealousy, especially the possessive instincts of the more brilliant, ruthless and interesting of the two employers. The love story is auxiliary to these weird portraits.

Now that Miss Sawyer no longer writes detective stories, Miss Marsh is far and away my first choice, and even if she is not always up to her own mark—who is!—she can be relied upon to be witty, verisimilar in setting and characters and dialogue, and vastly entertaining. Her new book is one of her best, with Alleyn as fascinating as ever, and a sprightly new detective, Lord Michael Lamprey, thrown in for good measure. The background being Miss Marsh's own world of the theatre, there is plenty going on, including those delightful "throwings of temperament" she describes so well.

Mr. Saunders is today well-known for the excellent propaganda of a very distinguished nature which he wrote anonymously during the war, such as "Bomber Command." This, his first thriller, is the story of a most ingenious art robbery, cleverly told, but with less appeal as regards the characters who are rather well-thumbed types of the grotesque order more often found in literature than in real life.

PAULA ARNOLD

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POLITICS AND PROGRESS

A HISTORY OF THE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHERS. By George Catlin. Edited: Allen & Unwin, London, 1950. pp.xvii+802. 30s.

"If man's proper study is man, politics is especially his concern since it is the study of the control of man." These are the opening phrases of Prof. Catlin's voluminous study, which has appeared now in an English edition. Obviously, man has not yet succeeded in reaping the benefits of the science of politics, even though its history of politics is long and many-faceted.

The present book is vivid and interesting in its exposition of ideas and linking of thoughts with political developments; it almost dramatizes political theory. Catlin writes wittily and easily in associating theoretical principles of distant ages. The story from Plato to Hitler remains one story.

However, the philosophical doctrines are expounded somewhat briefly, if compared with many an irrelevant biographical detail. It is doubtful whether this is the best system of imparting the lessons of the political philosophers to the average reader. Daring and often splendid generalizations are better suited for the leisure hour of the scholar, rather than for the systematic study of the beginner.

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